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By the Grand Secretary

A System of Monthly Reports was adopted by the Fraternity over seven years ago. The form of Report was necessarily changed from year to year with the growth of the Fraternity, so that now they give us a complete record of our chapters, *if the reports are sent in promptly.*

Always some chapters are lax in making these returns, thereby upsetting the routine of the work of this office, and increasing our labor and postage bills, as duns have to be sent to all delinquents.

MONTHLY The Chapters are requested to bear in mind that these Monthly Reports are not asked for simply to give the chapters something to do. The data is useful and would not be asked for if it were not needed. Fifteen or twenty minutes work a month for the Secretary and Treasurer of the Chapter will suffice.

REPORTS.

Do not bunch reports.

Do not allow reports to accumulate.

On the first of each month, send in report for the preceding month.

When the Certified Public Accountant audited our books last December, he recommended that a statement be sent to every chapter several times a year, this statement to be O. K'd. by the chapters and returned with the chapter seal attached. By adopting this plan, the auditors of the future would have an absolute check on the chapter accounts of the Grand Secretary.

Last session these statements were sent out but on account of the unusual conditions then existing, many chapters failed to make prompt returns. This session, three statements in duplicate have been planned, and the first was mailed November first, the second will be mailed February first, and the third on May first.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT.

Unless these statements are returned promptly, this office will remain ignorant of any improper charges.

The chapters should check these statements carefully, file the duplicate for reference and return the original properly signed and under seal.

Our Laws provide for an initiation fee to be sent to the Grand Chapter BEFORE the initiation takes place. There seems to be some misunderstanding regarding this. One Chapter failed to report an initiation of May 1917 until November 1917. On account of the abnormal conditions, there MIGHT be some excuse in this particular instance, but if the Chapter Officers would give to their business the attention that it deserves, then such conditions could not possibly arise. A glance at the order of business on page 8 of the Ritual will show that order No. 2, (changed from No. 12 at the Detroit Conclave) is being neglected by some chapters. Also on page 9 of the Ritual, an insert, calling attention to Section 33 of the Laws, is being overlooked.

Sec. 33
LAWS.

Is your chapter giving this proper attention?

The attention of all the chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon is called to "Banta's Greek Exchange" for December pages 4 to 9, inclusive, which reproduces the new Internal Revenue Law.

For the benefit of those not having the Exchange, we quote herewith the Section, with our comment:—

"Section 701 Congressional War Revenue Act:

"That from and after the first day of November, nineteen hundred and seventeen, there shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid, a tax equivalent to ten per centum of any amount paid as dues or membership fees (including initiation fees) to any social, athletic, or sporting club or organization, where such dues or fees are in excess of \$12. per year; such taxes to be paid by the person paying such dues or fees; provided, that there shall be exempted from the provisions of this section all amounts paid as dues or fees to a fraternal beneficiary society, or association, operating under the lodge system or for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself operating under the lodge system, and providing for the payment of life, sick, accident, or other benefits to the members of such society, order, or association, or their dependents.' "

If our conclusion are correct every chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon that collects dues or initiation fees amounting to more than twelve (\$12) dollars a year must also collect a tax of ten per cent of these dues or initiation fees, which tax is to be paid to the Collector of Internal Revenue in the district in which the chapter is located.

Our opinion is that special assessments are not subject to this tax.

Ninth Annual Interfraternity Conference

The gavel sounded upon the table, and the Chairman Mr. O. H. Cheney of Phi Gamma Delta called the Ninth Annual session of the Inter-fraternity Conference to order. The place was, as on former occasions, the same commodious room at the University Club on Fifth Ave., New York City, and the time was the same; the usual 1st Saturday following Thanksgiving, namely December 1st. The delegates they too, in the main, were the same as before, but the "theme of the Conference" was different. A year ago it was *Fraternity Men* and how they could better serve their college, but now it was Fraternity men and their service to their Nation. Since the meeting a year ago "The world conflict had reached the shores of America and called our college men to the colors".

The roll call showed 37 fraternities present with 112 delegates with a new applicant for admission "Phi Kappa Tau".

The Chairman Mr. O. H. Cheney then gave the usual address, calling attention to the fact that this session marked the high point in the membership of the Conference, namely forty fraternities. He also called attention to the ever increasing influence of the Conference and the natural change since the last meeting. "Our boys went when they were called" he said. "The fraternity men had been taught the principles of Loyalty and Service and therefore they were the first to respond to the Nation's call". "They left behind problems of depleted houses and membership, but we honor them for upholding the Nation's duty". Then appealing to those who remained, the Chairman challenged all to get back of our respective fraternities as never before.

A tribute was then offered in Memory of William Raimond Baird, who had been a leader in the fraternity world for twenty-five years, and whose death had occurred last February. A silent reverence passed over the meeting as every heart felt his loss.

We will not dwell upon routine matters, nor of the financial

status, but turn to the reports of special Committees. Several delegates at the conference expressed their wish that some of the feeling and discussion of this body might sift down to the undergraduate body. How different from fraternity relations in undergraduate days! Men wearing different pins yet "Greeks" together and sharing with each other the things they have found valuable. You may not take time to read the voluminous minutes of the meeting when they come, but it is hoped that some will catch from this brief outline something of the spirit of the Conference.

The most important outstanding Committee to report was the committee on Public opinion. Mr. Walter B. Palmer of Phi Delta theta, Chairman. This was a very thoughtful piece of work and worthy of the reading of every chapter when it is received in the form of the minutes. It gave an interesting discussion of the fraternity situation in the Civil War time "when many of the colleges in the south closed their doors". They estimated that the decrease in college attendance this year is generally "from twenty to forty per cent". "It will always be to the credit of the fraternity men of the United States, as well as those of Canada, that when war came the number of volunteers for service was greater among college men than among other young men, and that it was much greater among fraternity men than among any other class of college students." The following recommendations were made: 1st. The posting scholarship grades of the various fraternities at each institution. 2nd. That the Weller plan of co-operative buying be advocated. 3rd. The chapter-house Rules prepared by Dr. Henry Suzzallo be used. 4th. The appointment of chapter advisers. 5th. That fellowship be promoted among non-fraternity men, 6th That fraternity expansion be encouraged to make fraternities more democratic.

A very interesting report was then read by Carlton J. H. Hayes of Alpha Chi Rho Chairman on "What proportion of College Fraternity Men Fail to Graduate and Reasons Therefore". The report estimated that close to one-third of our college men fail to graduate and some of the reasons given were lack of funds, lack of preparation, and indifference. Prof. Hayes spoke of the difference between the graduate and non-graduate; the former is the one who reached his goal, the latter failing to reach that goal.

The employee when considering these two candidates always gives preference to the man who finished his task.

The Committee on *Pledge Lifting*, Mr. Thomas A. Clark, of Alpha Tau Omega reporting, gave a brief report but very firm in its condemnation of the "pledge lifter", classifying him with the "Thief". He reported fifty cases in forty institutions. The Committee recommended that no fraternity initiate a man until actually released by the prior fraternity.

Mr. James B. Curtis Delta Tau Delta Chairman of the Committee on "Federal War Revenue Act" handed down a decision which may not be interesting, but will be of concern to every chapter: namely, that Fraternities come under the head of social clubs and as such must pay the 10 per cent War Revenue Tax on all dues and initiation fees.

About this time everyone began to feel the "inner man" calling for proteins, carbo-hydrates and fats, and so the business was laid aside.

The afternoon meeting consisted of two main reports.

1. The report of Howard E. Hillegas, Delta Tau Delta on "Fraternity men in the war". He said, in part: "The accusation has been made that "Greeks" were autocrats and snobbish, and yet fraternity men were the first to the ranks as officers and privates, in Red Cross work, Ambulance work and Y. M. C. A. Work". "More than one quarter of the fraternity undergraduates have enlisted and the spirit of all is shown in the fact that the Grand Presidents of three fraternities have donned the uniform. In numbers, Phi Kappa Psi with President Woodrow Wilson '79, leads

The chairman then called upon Mr. William H. Zinsser chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Council of National Defense. He told of the work which the government is doing in combating Venereal Diseases in the Army and Navy by having medical examinations when men have been on furloughs and also in providing healthful recreation outside the camps.

The election of officers resulted in James D. Livingston of Delta Phi being elected Chairman, Albert H. Wilson of Sigma Nu as Secretary and Don R. Almy of Sigma Alpha Epsilon as Treasurer.

A motion was made and carried that the Conference send its "Good-will and greetings" to all fraternity men fighting in France or preparing here.

The delegates for $\Sigma \Phi E$ were John C. Griffin, W. L. Phillips, and the writer, O. G. Reumann.

Submitted by *O. G. Reumann.*

CHAPTER HISTORIAN TAKE NOTICE.

The March Journal will be an installation number issued March 16th. All chapter letters must be in by February 23rd.



The Patriarch

By ELLISON HARVEY.

He had matriculated as Thomas Madison Canby. To the student body he was known as "Dad". In height, he stood six feet; in age, he was past thirty. His face wore a smile and a week's old beard; his plaid suit hid muscles and a tattooed arm. The cuffs of his trousers drew attention to his socks; his polka-dot tie had a way of its own, and his belt swung at an angle below his waist. He was one of a crowd that had just poured through the arcade of the main lecture-hall, and now scattered over the campus or passed out into the avenue.

This was an eccentric throughfare. A traction franchise had torn the ancient paving-blocks, aristocratic oaks had been forced to keep company with nursery-bred upstarts, and a gang of impudent cottages had obtruded themselves among venerable mansions. But if these things had ever impressed the sight of Thomas Madison Canby, they held no interest for him to-day. Only once did he raise his glance, and that was when he entered the walkway leading to a trim little house that snuggled within a clump of trees.

For nine months he had made this place his home, though ever looking forward to the day when he should leave it. But now he felt a sudden change taking place within him. Especially was this so as he entered the dining-room and found Mildred Peyton, awaiting him with the smile that he had somehow grown to expect. He was even glad that he had left a few days in which to call the place "home".

"I suppose your mother got tired of waiting for us to-day," he remarked. "I don't blame her. These exams are fierce."

"Oh, it's not that," she replied. "Poor mother is not at all well."

"Dad" had so often expressed his regrets concerning the other woman that he decided to break away from the habit. Accordingly, he settled down to his meal, with an occasional glance at his companion.

He could not say that she was beautiful. Only wild-eyed

painters or French hair-dressers can thus immortalize a woman; but dropping into the vernacular, he told himself that she was certainly "some" girl! He knew this by a rule which proves that if anything starts one guessing, it will likewise keep him going. This was so of her eyes. Their lashes had a tantalizing sweep and a way of hiding the color beneath them, though he had imagined it was the same shade as the tawney hair, through which her fingers then played.

In fact, he was about to hazard the guess when Charles Howland entered the room. The latter was a bright-eyed, chubby-cheeked youth, whose continual reference to the "chickens" had acquired him the nickname of "Mink".

Dropping into a chair, he began to stuff his napkin round his collar. "Golly! but I'm hungry," he exclaimed. "We passed the schedule on chemistry. I hate that Dutchman!"

"What Dutchman?" inquired Mildred.

"Old "Whole Bean," replied "The Mink."

"Professor Holbein, you mean?"

"Call him the Jink, and that would be more like it," scowled "The Mink". He was dropped on earth to make other people sore on life! I just did make it!"

"That's fine!" she applauded.

"Sure thing! Makes a fellow better satisfied to meet his old man." Then, catching "Dad's" eye, he added: "Dad, old top, I was awfully sorry to hear about you."

"Dad's" head tilted forward, while Mildred shot a glance at the speaker. "What was that?" she asked. "You said you were sorry—"

As "The Mink" noted "Dad's" expression, he knew that he had unwittingly betrayed his friend; but it was too late to undo the mischief, and even in that short space Mildred had repeated the question.

"The Mink" faced her reluctantly. "I — I thought you — knew", he faltered.

Intuition told her the rest. She turned quickly to "Dad", her her finger-tips pressed against the back of his hand. "You failed to pass?"

"Yes," he admitted. "I "flunked"!"

"Oh, I am so sorry!" she exclaimed.

Her sympathy was a rebuke. It made him feel how big he was, and how small he must seem. It mocked him with his old indifference—told what a great thing it must be to excell.

What a dub he had been! Or was he to blame? Perhaps he had slept too many nights on the Western plains, where the Moon seems close to the earth. Of that he could not be sure. He only knew that the room had grown uncomfortably warm, and that there was a peculiar dryness in his throat. Yet when his fingers closed around a smooth, glassy surface, "The Mink" began to kick him from under the table, and he was spared a draught from the vinegar decanter.

After that, he tried to gulp down a few morsels, but the stuff clung to the roof of his mouth, refusing to be swallowed. How he finally managed to excuse himself, he never knew, but somehow he got away from the table and blundered out of the room.

As he stumbled into the hallway, the phone-bell began to ring. He found that some one wished to speak with Mildred. Having called her, he discreetly retired into the library.

It was here that the late Professor had made his researches, or fretted his mind over some student's paper; but now the shades were seldom raised, and the little light there was confined itself to ghostly shadows that flitted across the dust-laden book-shelves, or played on the mildewed logs of the grate. Ordinarily he disliked the place, but to-day its atmosphere of chill seemed in keeping with his mood. So he sank into one of the deep, leather-upholstered chairs, and let his gaze wander above the mantle, where hung two large oil-color portraits.

One potrait was that of the Honorable Erasmus Buchanan, to whom he had often heard his landlady refer. The Honorable Erasmus was a disagreeable looking old gentleman, with a hairless top, a billious complexion and a wart on the end of his nose. The other portrait was that of General Peyton, to whom the Professor had owed the honor of descent. The General was distinguished by red whiskers and a mien so fierce, that he seemed ready to break through the canvass.

"Dad" could not say that he admired either of these immortals, but he had to admit that they seemed different from most people, and it was to be in such a class that he owed his presence at college. This had been brought about by a father, in whose suc-

cess as a cattle raiser education had played no part. But apart from the subject of Holsteins and Jerseys, the older man entertained certain hobbies. His pet theme was matrimony. He maintained that no man could be worthy of recognition unless he were married, and that his offspring should prove a real disciple of his creed, it was necessary that the latter should take unto himself a wife.

Now the only eligible maiden in his county was Lola Campion. She had been to Vassar, but, like himself, she had departed with no intellectual attainments to her credit. On the other hand, she had learned that her hair could be made to resemble other things than a bird's nest, acquired the art of converting college pennants into sofa covers, memorized the different University yells, and wore six emblems of as many Greek Letter Fraternities. Hence her weakness for all institutions that could be spoken of as "Varsity". So fastidious had she become, that she sniffed at the mention of "prep" schools and hunched her shoulders to a business academy.

Accordingly, "Dad" had entered college; but with prophetic foresight, he had put the distance of a continent between his home town and the life before him. All this to qualify for the hand of Lola! And here it dawned upon him that Mildred must have long since finished talking over the phone, so he went out on the veranda. He found "The Mink" leaning against a post, rolling a cigarette.

"Hello!" greeted "The Mink". "You didn't eat much dinner. Exams too much for your appetite, eh? Don't blame you. As for myself, I'm booked for the pleasure-circuit."

"That reminds me," said the other. "You are going to attend the 'finals', aren't you?"

"Certainly. My card's already made up."

"I'm sorry."

"You're Sorry?"

"Yes. I was in hopes I could persuade you to take the little girl in there. She seems to lead such a lonely life."

"Oh, Mildred's been a "Widow" two years now," shrugged "The Mink". "Besides, every one understands—"

"Understands what?" snapped "Dad".

"About Courtenay, of course."

"Oh, I see," mourned "Dad", suddenly cooled. "I believe I've seen him."

"That's about all, too," laughed "The Mink". "But you've never gotten acquainted with him. If it would get him anything, he would force you to shake hands with him. It was that way when he was here. He was always trying to mix with the big folks that visited the University. It was the same way in everything that ever took place. Courtenay was the main "cheese".

"I see," nodded "Dad".

"But he's the kind to get along in the world," resumed "The Mink". "He got his bachelor's degree in law, but instead of taking up the practice, he saw where he could use this training to better advantage in his father's automobile factory. You must hand it to him. He's a live one!"

"No doubt," agreed "Dad".

"He just phoned Mildred he wouldn't be here until late tomorrow evening." Then, suddenly, he said: "That reminds me, Dad!"

"Reminds you of what?"

"The drill the boys are going to give."

"You mean the "Junior Unit"?"

"Yes, the kids who are under the Draft age. There are going to be a few officers to witness their stunts. Nearly every one is going—just to encourage them. So why don't you take Mildred?"

"How do I know she'd care to go with me?"

"Didn't you hear her say she was sorry you "flunked?"

"Smyopathy doesn't mean anything," sighed "Dad". "A French poodle that tumbles into a bucket of tar, or an old man who loses his false teeth gets the same thing."

"That's so."

"And a laugh for good measure," added "Dad". "It's her disposition to say nice things".

"It's her breeding, too", declared "The Mink". "She's of good stock."

"Blue-ribbon!" affirmed "Dad", as he thought of the ferocious General Peyton and the billious looking Erasmus Buchanan.

"The more reason why she'd go," urged "The Mink".

"Courtesy alone would make her accept the invitation. You just leave it to me, old mut. I'll fit it up for you!"

So "Dad" left it with "The Mink" to arrange the engagement with Mildred. Meantime, he decided to visit the "Green Cloth Pool and Billiard Parlors."

This popular resort was situated on the only business street of the town, several blocks on the other side of the University. As a rule, it meant a five minute's walk, but by taking an infrequently used path one could make the distance in much less time. This path led one along the rear of the University and thence into a narrow roadway, sloping between high embankments. Consequently "Dad" could not glimpse the motor-cycle that bounced and throbbed along the intersecting roadway at the foot of the slope. Only when the noise suddenly ceased did he awaken to a hint of anything out of the ordinary. Then he hastened down to the opening and looked around its side. What he saw caused him to withdraw quickly under cover for a moment. After that, he removed his broad brimmed fedora, and flattening himself against the side of the embankment, began to peer very cautiously.

Standing in the middle of the roadway, his motor-cycle resting against his side, stood a square-shouldered, heavy-framed man, wearing cowl and goggles. His hand was shielding the goggles as his gaze traveled toward the University, where, for a moment, it fixed itself. Then apparently satisfied with what he had seen, the auto-cyclist pulled out from the satchel attached to the cross-bar a flat black object, which he carefully examined and focussed on the town below. As the shutter clicked, "Dad" recognized the object as a folding-camera.

When he had replaced the camera, the autoist extracted from somewhere within his jacket a long blue-steeled revolver. This, too, he examined, breaking the chamber and peering up through the barrel, after which he put the ugly weapon away and mounted the motor-cycle. As he passed, "Dad" saw enough to tell him that the man was fair-haired, heavy-jawed, Teutonic!

(To be Continued.)

A Parallel

This session had not far advanced before it was observed that the cash receipts were running behind. It was then decided that only through a comparison of this and last year's receipts could a proper adjustment be made. The accompanying figures will show the number of initiates and those subject to Per Capita Tax, and not cash received.

It will be noted that under Per Capita for 1916-17 the whole session is included, while for 1917-18 the period ends with November 30th. There will be little if any change in the 1917-18 figures, however, as the figures on Per Capita seldom change much after the initial reports.

The increase in the number of initiates up to December the first of this year is very slight, totaling only twenty-two. Of this number four are in the two chapters that had not been installed at this date last session, and six are in chapters that were not allowed to initiate until after the same date last session, showing the margin of increase to be only twelve. Unless there is immediate activity among the Chapters our initiation record for 1917-18 will show a marked decrease.

The Per Capita record shows the real effect of the Call to Colors. Instead of returning seven hundred and eight men, only four hundred and sixty-two answered the first roll call, showing a decrease of about 35 per cent.

It will be noted that in only four Chapters was there an increase of old men returned, and in every case the increase was limited to a single man. The two Chapters installed last Spring (Illinois Alpha and Iowa Gamma) are not considered.

According to figures published in the daily papers of recent date, it was estimated that the number of students that had failed to return to college was about 33 1-3. This estimate is substantially verified in the case of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

PER CAPITA RECORD

CHAPTER	Total 1916-'17	Aug. 15th-Nov. 30th		Same Period 1916-'17		Old Men Returned		Decrease from Session 16-17	Increase Over 1916-'17
		Session 1916-'17	Session 1917-'18	Decrease	Increase	Entire Session 1916-'17	Thru Nov. 30th Session 1917-'18		
Va. Alpha.....	5	1	(X) 6		5	8	7	1	
W. Va. Beta.....	7	0	4		4	22	13	9	
Ill. Alpha.....	x34	0	3		3		12		12
Colo. Alpha.....	9	2	2			26	18	8	
Pa. Delta.....	9	2	5		3	34	22	12	
Va. Delta.....	6	2	7		5	7	4	3	
N. C. Beta.....	4	0	0			9	4	5	
Ohio Alpha.....	18	7	7	0		24	9	15	
Ind. Alpha.....	13	5	3	2		17	13	4	
N. Y. Alpha.....	11	0	15		15	24	14	10	
Va. Epsilon.....	13	1	0	1		6	5	1	1
Va. Zeta.....	11	8	3	5		7	8		
Ga. Alpha.....	10	8	11		3	19	14	5	
Dela. Alpha.....	8	7	14		7	18	15	3	
Va. Eta.....	10	8	0	8		11	9	2	
Ark. Alpha.....	4	2	1	1		3	2	1	
Pa. Epsilon.....	7	3	9		6	19	14	5	
Ohio Gamma.....	20	9	4	5		10	11		1
Vt. Alpha.....	10	0	1		1	13	10	3	
Ala. Alpha.....	14	4	7		3	17	14	3	
N. C. Gamma.....	6	0	2		2	8	7	1	
N. H. Alpha.....	14	1	0			27	22	5	
D. C. Alpha.....	13	10	4	1		17	18		1
Kan. Alpha.....	10	0	(X) 1	6	1	13	5	8	
Cal. Alpha.....	10	10	4	6		22	9	13	
Nebr. Alpha.....	14	4	3	1		13	5	8	
Wash. Alpha.....	8	0	1			30	9	21	
Mass. Alpha.....	14	5	0	5	1	25	18	7	
N. Y. Beta.....	10	3	8		5	37	14	23	
R. I. Alpha.....	2	0	0			9	7	2	
Mich. Alpha.....	9	3	9		6	34	11	23	
Iowa Alpha.....	13	5	3	2		13	7	6	
Colo. Beta.....	12	5	3			12	4	8	
Tenn. Alpha.....	10	4	1	3		16	9	7	
Mo. Alpha.....	13	7	7			17	13	4	
Wis. Alpha.....	10	2	4			13	10	3	
Pa. Eta.....	13	3	12		2	15	16		1
Ohio Epsilon.....	11	2	0	2	9	21	16	5	
Colo. Gamma.....	19	14	0	14		16	15	1	
Minn. Alpha.....	19	3	2	1		14	12	2	
Iowa Beta.....	9	0	5		5	14	6	8	
Iowa Gamma.....	x31	0	1		1		11		11
Denver Alumni.....	0	0	0			28			
	493	150	172	65	87	708	462	243	27

*Chapter not in existence first part of 1916-'17 session.

(X) Initiation date formally later in session.

*Chapter installed 1916-'17—Number of initiates necessarily above average.

INITIATION RECORD

CHAPTER	Total 1916-'17	Aug. 15th-Nov. 30th		Same Period 1916-'17	
		Session 1916-'17	Session 1917-'18	Decrease	Increase
Va. Alpha.....	5	1	(X) 6		5
W. Va. Beta.....	7	0	4		4
Ill. Alpha.....	x34	0	3		3
Colo. Alpha.....	9	2	2		
Pa. Delta.....	9	2	5		3
Va. Delta.....	6	2	7		5
N. C. Beta.....	4	0	0		
Ohio Alpha.....	18	7	7	0	
Ind. Alpha.....	13	5	3	2	
N. Y. Alpha.....	11	0	15		15
Va. Epsilon.....	13	1	0	1	
Va. Zeta.....	11	8	3	5	
Ga. Alpha.....	10	8	11		3
Dela. Alpha.....	8	7	14		7
Va. Eta.....	10	8	0	8	
Ark. Alpha.....	4	2	1	1	
Pa. Epsilon.....	7	3	9		6
Ohio Gamma.....	20	9	4	5	
Vt. Alpha.....	10	0	1		1
Ala. Alpha.....	14	4	7		3
N. C. Gamma.....	6	0	2		2
N. H. Alpha.....	14	1	0		
D. C. Alpha.....	13	10	4	6	
Kan. Alpha.....	10	0	(X) 1		1
Cal. Alpha.....	10	10	4	6	
Nebr. Alpha.....	14	4	3	1	
Wash. Alpha.....	8	0	1		1
Mass. Alpha.....	14	5	0	5	
N. Y. Beta.....	10	3	8		5
R. I. Alpha.....	2	0	0		
Mich. Alpha.....	9	3	9		6
Iowa Alpha.....	13	5	3	2	
Colo. Beta.....	12	5	3		
Tenn. Alpha.....	10	4	1	3	
Mo. Alpha.....	13	7	7		
Wis. Alpha.....	10	2	4		
Pa. Eta.....	13	3	12		2
Ohio Epsilon.....	11	2	0	2	9
Colo. Gamma.....	19	14	0	14	
Minn. Alpha.....	19	3	2	1	
Iowa Beta.....	9	0	5		5
Iowa Gamma.....	x31	0	1		1
Denver Alumni.....	0	0	0		
	493	150	172	65	87

Editorials

The conditions brought about by the war have had a universal tendency to upset all former plans and to suggest entirely new ones. Sigma Phi Epsilon has proved no exception. From its policy of running only such material as applies strictly to matters Fraternal, the publishers of the Journal have concluded to depart. This does not imply any radical changes, nor a permanency of new features. Whatever may appear novel to the pages of the Journal is intended only to supply that fund of variety and entertainment which we believe the character of the times would amply justify. To this end we have arranged with Brother W. E. Harvey for the production of his story, *THE PATRIARCH*, which will appear serially in our magazine.

Brother Harvey asks no remuneration for the *M. S.* He only trusts that it may meet the situation as already described, and the publishers are confident that it will, since the story divides its interest between a romance of college life and the grim influences of the world war. Incidentally, one of the chief plot-problems is embodied in Green Letter Fraternalism, between the use and the abuse of which a dramatic difference is shown.

The story revolves around a student who is so old when he enters college that he earns for himself the sobriquet of "*THE PATRIARCH*". Others in the cast of characters are: an Alumnus, whose father is a wealthy automobile manufacturer; a German Professor of chemistry, who, despite his successful career in the United States, cannot free himself from National and hereditary instincts; the daughter of a late faculty member, whose widow is forced to run a college boarding-house; a mysterious agent of the German government, college-students, campus-buds and others.

We would advise all Brothers to pay their subscription for the fiscal year in order that they may avail themselves of this story, the thread of which should be closely followed, since every incident is absolutely necessary to the climax.

WILLIAM L. PHILLIPS.

Youth acts, age debates. The fervor of the one is balanced by the wisdom of the other. Together, they represent the strength of impulse and the value of experience. Thus the hoary-headed philosopher conceives that which often devolves upon the stripling to accomplish; and so the two extremes meet upon an equal plane, of which there could be no more vivid illustration than in the causes and conduct of the present war, where statescraft, embodying itself in the form of age, has fixed a burden that youth must bear.

But our side of the question confines itself to youth. It was by him and for the benefits of others like himself that Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded. With that accomplished, it remained only to establish some means of communication among the widely scattered Chapters of the organization, and this was effected through the agency of the Journal, in whose pages has appeared everything that the publishers have believed to be consistent with the aims of the Fraternity or of personal interest to its members.

Now has come a time when the magazine is forced to assume a graver and more vital function. From a record of purely normal happenings, it must become, in part, the chronicle of those Brothers who have offered their lives to the service of their country. In this we are led back to the assertions of the premises, wherein it is stated that age outlines the course for youth; for it is during this latter portion of one's life when the body, exulting in its strength and vigor, throbs for the achievement of deeds already pictured in minds as yet untried by the harsh realities of life.

To this same inexperience of the world belongs the soul of romance that imbues the thoughts of early manhood, investing it with sentiments so deep that even the world's cynicism may never entirely uproot. But from this it must not be assumed that romance shapes itself only in the passions of Tristan and Isolde, or the anguish of Pyramus and Thisbe; for romance is a generic term, comprehending all that is idealistic, or beyond the sordid events of everyday life.

The companionship of friends, for that matter, an avocation, or even a certain amount of play, have a touch of the romantic, as in their enjoyment one is temporarily lifted above the material world, with its struggles and anxieties, from which the most

fortunate among is never completely immune. There are some, it is true, who seem to feel less keenly than others the burdens of life, but these are usually of less sensitive calibre than their fellows, and being so, are perhaps not as responsive to the appeal of things outside of their personal interests. As a rule, they represent that class in whom the fire of youth has not survived, or whom the wings of romance have touched but lightly, if at all. They are sometimes described as strong, their temperaments often envied. Yet to which regard they are entitled, it rests not with us to say, though we hazard the guess that it is to neither.

Rather are we inclined to believe that they are lacking in some of those qualities which make for the higher type of manhood. Certainly it was not from their midst that there rose a Coriolanus, a Pericles or a Caesar on the one hand, with a Napoleon, a Grant or a Lee on the other.

To this latter class belong all Brothers who have correctly defined the spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon, which, in its final analysis, is but the composite symbol of reasoning age and zealous youth.

W. E. HARVEY.

The dictionary is full of beautiful words and some persons have fine voices with which to utter them; but one stammers out a disagreeable truth; and between shoving a pen and digging into the trousers pocket there is sometimes the difference of a finger-cramp. Such instances are not cited among our Brothers. They are faults that we observe in others. Is that true? If not, let us have your Journal subscription, \$1.50.

Word has come to us that Pa. Epsilon Chapter is making an effort to interest its Alumni in the Journal. This chapter evidently recognizes the importance of the bond between Alumni and Active Chapter. Every chapter would do well to follow their example.

Chapter Letters

VIRGINIA ALPHA

RICHMOND COLLEGE

Virginia Alpha is again in the midst of college activities. Of the letter men, who fought so nobly in foot-ball three of them are Sigma Phi Epsilon; S. T. Bowman who skillfully managed the team and R. P. Sanford and H. C. Spencer, two of the star players, who struggled incessantly to the end. W. K. Rogers also battled well for the RED and BLUE but because of adverse luck failed to make his letter. E. W. Miller is admirably upholding the Literary side of the Chapter in the Literary Society, while our other Brothers are duly carrying out their part.

Military training is of much interest at present, and here we are well represented, having one of the most efficient Captains of the college, R. N. Stephens one well qualified first Lieutenant, W. K. Rogers, and five exceedingly competent Sergeants, S. T. Bowman, E. W. Miller, H. C. Spencer, M. G. Billups, and C. M. Hull, together with several well disciplined privates.

We sadly bid farewell to two of our beloved brothers, Rogers and Sanford, who have recently volunteered in the Aviation Corps and will leave December 5th.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity-at-large the following men:

Forest Whitfield Brown, '21, Richmond, Va.

Morton George Billups, '21, Richmond, Va.

Clyde Mitchell Hull, '21, Richmond, Va.

John Thomas Onley, '21, Modest Tower, Va.

Robert Nathaniel Stephens, Jr., '19, Quinque, Va.

The above named Brothers are excellent men and will mean much to us in all branches of college activities.

Concluding, we extend our most sincere wishes for immeasurable success to all the brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

N. M. Bolton

Chapter Historian.

Faternally,

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA

UNIVERSITY OF W. VA.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity-at-large the following new brothers, initiated October 27, 1917.

Frank Coin Wimer, '19, Elkins, W. Va.

Loraine S. Cornwell, '20, Marquess, W. Va.

Edgar Curren Glass, '18, Wellsburg, W. Va.

Lyle Henderson McBee, '20, Fairview, W. Va.

We regret exceedingly that two of the above named brothers, Glass and McBee, since left to enter the National Service, as have also, since the opening of school, Brooks, Brown, Cobun and Amos. We have secured several additional pledges, all of whom we believe to be men of sterling worth.

In the very successful football season just closed, one of our pledges at right tackle was one of the sensations of the gridiron season, and has been mentioned by a number of prominent coaches and sport-writers for the mythical "All-American." In the capacity of "subs" on the Varsity eleven. F. C. Wimer and J. W. Niedermeyer did not get into action very often on account of the extremely small number of substitutes in the games.

In other activities, E. C. Bennett, M. L. Cobun, L. C. Padden and L. H. McBee have been initiated into Skull and Keys, and A. F. Vierheller and J. W. Niedermeyer into the Mountain.

We extend the heartiest greetings of the Christmas season to our sister chapters, and sincerely trust that the new year will be one of prosperity for all brothers.

L. S. Cornwell.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

ILLINOIS ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

When our last letter was written the college year was just commencing. To be sure the spirit at Illinois is not quite like it was last year at this time, but is much better than many expected it to be.

On account of so many of the upper classmen failing to get back in school this year, the University is permitting all the

fraternities to initiate their pledges the first of December, providing they have an average of seventy five in at least eleven hours work. This new ruling will no doubt help all of us very much.

Since our last letter we have initiated three men, and wish to introduce them to the fraternity.

Initiated November 4th:

Frank Josef Dick, '20, Jour., Quincy, Ill.

Initiated November 28:

Thomas Edwin Lowery, '19, L. G., Springfield, Ill.

Harry Wentworth Penhallow, '19, L. A., Chicago, Ill.

We also affiliated Brother Mathews of Iowa Alpha. Within the next few weeks we expect to initiate the rest of our pledges.

Yet with this addition we were unfortunate enough to lose two men, R. L. Morse enlisting in the 23rd. Engineering Corps, J. B. Beach returning home. Others of our men are expecting to leave at any time, and so we have to keep rushing, and get some men who are not subject to the draft.

Thanksgiving Day was given us, and as usual Friday was a hard day for all of us, yet we had enough life to give a dance that night, which as every one says, was the best that we ever gave.

We gave a dinner to our pledges Thanksgiving night, at the house. Two weeks from to-day we are leaving to spend our Christmas vacation.

In closing we extend to all sister chapters best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Robert Cessna.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

ILLINOIS ALPHA.

COLORADO ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

In spite of the present unsettled conditions, we are maintaining the pace we set for ourselves at the beginning of this school year. Some few of our men will be called in the next draft. Several more are contemplating joining the aero service. Whatever the final outcome, we will certainly close the year successfully for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Since the last letter, we have initiated two new members and wish to introduce them to the fraternity.

Initiated November 26th :

Alvin John Holm, C. E. '19, Denver Colorado.

Emmett Bryan Carmichael, L. A. '18, Boulder, Colorado.

Both of the new members will be a credit to the fraternity in every way. Fred Zimmerman has been chosen for the Board of Publications on the University Preparedness Program. This is a difficult position; but "Zim" knows how to do the work and deserves the honor. Brother R. J. McDonald has been elected president of the Sophomore Medics and has infused new life into the School of Medicine—no small job; for the "medics" are overburdened with their thoughts of work. Mortimer Sullivan has obtained a commission as second Lieutenant in the regular army, and has left recently for Fort Lavenworth, Kansas. In losing "Sully", we have lost a man who for five years has been one of our mainstays. He has been a good friend and Brother with the interests of the fraternity always uppermost. It is easy to prophesy that his career in the army will be marked with the same perservance and good fortune as has characterized his college life. Good luck "Sully" and always remember that our best wishes are with you.

For two years Colorado University has been trailing in the last division. This year a sudden reversal took place. Under the leadership of W. M. Adams the team has won the majority of its games. In fact, the race for State honors has been between Denver University and ourselves; and, in that game with them, chance was as great an element in our defeat as the good playing of our opponents. C. W. Fulghum is one of the best "backs" is the most versatile player on the team. Brother "Vic" Adams developed in the conference for years. Captain "Bill" Adams is already picked as one of the all-conference guards and C. R. Burlingame is fast developing into a star of the first magnitude. So much for the representatives on the team. They are all showing the stuff thats in them by their work and we are proud of them.

Our basketball team is in the lead for first position and looks like the championship of the league will be ours. The members of the team are, with one exception, all freshman. The whole team looks as if its work individually and collectively will commend

the members to the attention of the varsity coach in basketball.

In conclusion, Colorado Alpha wishes all the other chapters a continued prosperity and hopes that the next draft will bear lightly on the various chapters.

Wm. R. Shaw.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

COLORADO ALPHA.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA

The writing of this letter finds Pennsylvania Delta at the close of a rushing season in which competition was especially keen. On account of war conditions, the campaign for securing new members was moved back from the beginning of the second semester to the middle of the first semester. All of the societies were greatly reduced in size and therefore a most bitter war was waged for the Freshman. As always, we were foremost in the struggle and did our utmost by a series of entertainments culminating in a dance, given at the House on the evening of the Michigan game. We were fortunate in securing the following men whom we beg to present to the fraternity at large:

William Herbert Black, '20, Arts, Altoona, Pa.

Edward George McFayden, '21, Wharton, Buffalo, N. Y.

Edmund Roman Lipowitz, '21, Wharton, Buffalo, N. Y.

Ira Stott, '21, Wharton, Phillipsburg, Pa.

Orin Thompson, '21, Arts, Phillipsburg, Pa.

Harry Fisher, '21, Arts, Germantown, Pa.

The Fraternity may indeed be proud of these initiates, as every man is engaged in some activity. McFayden is out for Freshman football in company with Lipowitz. "Herb" Black, a brother of "Matt" Black one of our faculty members has been elected to the Philomathean Literary Society, one of the oldest college organizations of its kind. Fisher and Stott have bright prospects of making the freshman basketball squad.

It is readily understood that, because of the war-time conditions, college affairs in general are chaotic, and activities play a minor part. Nevertheless, Sigma Phi Epsilon is doing its best to uphold its proud record. Brother "Russ" Potter has been elected to the Friars Senior Society, making the second member this

year. "Vic" Chiquoine has been elected to the Undergraduate Committee and was also a member of the Y. M. C. A. Fund Committee, and the Smoke Kit Committee which is to provide Christmas packages for all Pennsylvania men in the service. Coyne is serving on the Wharton Sickness Committee while Shaneman is piano accompanist in the Glee Club. Ed. Cressel has won his varisty "P" in football, having played against Dartmouth at Boston. In addition, he has been made Honor Representative of the Junior Class in the Wharton School and elected to the Undergraduate Committee representing "1919". Kreiner served on the Supper Committee for Junior Week festivities and was a member of the Liberty Loan Committee. In the Sophomore class, Paul Kirschner has excellent prospects for becoming Assistant Wrestling Manager. "Walt" Myers has made the Mandolin Clubs and is out for Wrestling in company with "Jim" Herring.

We had our annual Thanksgiving dinner at the house and a tea and dance after the game with Cornell in which Penn was fortunate in conquering her ancient rival by a 37-0 score. Naturally the attendance was much smaller than in former years, but those present spent a delightful day. The scene was given a martial touch by the presence of many of our men in the uniforms of both the Army and the Navy. We were fortunate in having some from as far south as Camp Hancock in Georgia.

In spite of all efforts to avert it an atmosphere of gloom is gradually beginning to pervade the house. A number of the older men in the house are preparing to enlist and those of the alumni already enlisted and living at the house expect to be called into active service shortly. It is regrettable to see them go, but it is inevitable. However, this depression is somewhat lightened by the near approach of holiday season.

In closing, Pennsylvania Delta sends heartiest wishes for a happy Christmas and the best of luck for the New Year.

W. Carroll Coyne.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

VIRGINIA DELTA

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY

Everything has been going well with Virginia Delta since our last letter. The football season which has just closed was the most successful one in years. Much of the credit for the team's success goes to Brother Lassiter, our star half-back. Brother Broadwater, who has recently been initiated, played creditable ball. Brother Owen, on account of injuries received at the first of the season, was unable to return to the game.

Training for basketball has already begun. Brothers Mapp and Byrd have been going out from the first and both are showing up well.

Since our last letter to the Journal, we have initiated into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon the following men :

Earl Benton Broadwater, '18, B. A., Gate City, Va.

Eugene VanBuren Van Pelt, Jr., '20, B. S., Sharps, Va.

James Thomas Jones, '19, B. S., Blackstone, Va.

Brothers VanPelt and Jones have both distinguished themselves as students and we feel sure they will be a credit to the Fraternity. Brother Broadwater hails to us from the University of Virginia and he is a student of ability.

Brother "Prex" Wilson who is in the Naval Reserves, has been our frequent visitor during the past month. Brother Rogers, Sanford, Spencer and Stevens of Virginia Alpha and Brothers Copley and Sawyer of Virginia Zeta visited us while representing their football teams here.

Also Brother Williams of last year visited us the first of December. Brother Williams has just received his commission as Second Lieutenant in the National Reserve and will be stationed at Leon Springs, Texas, for a few months.

There has been formed here a Press Club, which has been doing a great work for the college. We are glad to announce that Brother Mapp has been chosen President of the Club. Brother Broadwater has also been appointed a member of the Debating Council.

The chapter regrets the loss of Brother Northington, who was compelled to leave college on account of bad health.

With best wishes to all sister chapters for the Christmas holidays, we are,

R. H. Owen.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA DELTA.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA

N. C. STATE COLLEGE

Following the example of many other technical colleges in this section, North Carolina State had adopted a strict military system for her students and everyone is now required to wear the khaki. The Junior and Senior classes have also the distinction of belonging to the R. O. T. C.

During the first three months of the college year we have been very actively engaged in looking after our interests in the Freshman class. Our prospects are good and although Pan-Hellenic laws do not allow us to pledge men before February, we hope to report a good increase in the present membership in our next letter.

We have just received good news—Herman Elton Winston, '16, former Captain of baseball and football, having the reputation of being the best athlete in college, has received a commission as Captain in the U. S. Army from the Second Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe. We are greatly pleased to hear of his success and recommend him to the fraternity-at-large as being an exceptionally good fellow.

Although exams are near at hand, none of us is worrying over whether he will "pass". On the contrary, we have hopes of winning the scholarship cup this year.

In this, our last letter before the holidays, North Carolina Beta sends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all her sister chapters.

F. N. Bell.

Acting Historian.

Fraternally,

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

OHIO ALPHA

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

Ohio Alpha finds herself in much better condition as this letter goes to press.

We have succeeded in pledging a large number of new students and will have twenty-two living in the house this term.

Brothers Hobson and Clark through good and faithful work have won their "N" in football.

In the field of journalism we have Dean Johnson Editor-in-Chief and Frank Mercer Assistant Editor of the "NORTHERN".

The following Alumni have manifested their continued interest in the old fraternity by making a visit to the house: J. B. Plasic, E. C. Ewing '15, L. H. Gardner '15, E. F. Boyle '16, W. J. Dawson '16, A. C. Shepherd '16, Oscar Francis '17, G. B. Dailey '17, J. H. Creps, '17, S. S. Fockler '17, L. M. Brooks '17, H. H. Robinson, H. B. Freeman '17, G. N. Grove '17.

Ohio Alpha wishes to introduce to the fraternity-at-large the following worthy brothers:

Initiated November 11, 1917:

Omar Glenn Hartley, '20, A. B., Kirby, Pa.

Harry Everette Parkin, '20, E. E., Butler, Pa.

Arnold Raymond McCombs, '20, M. E., Wellsville, Ohio.

Initiated November 25, 1917:

Burke Gardner, '19, Ph. G., McLean, Ill.

Initiated November 28, 1917:

Another D. Lehner, '19, Ph. G., Lima, Ohio.

In closing Ohio Alpha extends holiday greetings to all sister chapters.

Ralph L. Henshaw.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

OHIO ALPHA.

INDIANA ALPHA

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

The first semester of the university is rapidly drawing to a close and still the university affairs are not running smoothly. The agitation of war has made an unsettled condition throughout the year.

We take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity-at-large the following new brothers

Harley Simon Griner, '20, Mechanical Eng., Middleburg, Ind.

Thomas Cooper Walker, '20, Agriculture, Middleburg, Ind.

John Martin Hubb, '20, Science, Corydon, Ind.

Frederick Irving Goldsmith, '19, Science, Waterbury, Conn.

In the football season just past, we had no brothers on the Varsity team, but Brother Stidham was on the Senior Class team: Brother Davis on the Junior and all star team. Brother Newman was one of the mainstays of the cross country team and would have won his letter but for the last minute withdrawal of the team from conference competition. Brothers Barnaby and Stidham are now out for the coming basketball team.

Due to the popular spirit throughout the country social affairs here at Purdue are rather few this year. Indiana Alpha gave a dinner on Homecoming day, November 3rd, and many alumni returned, seventy people being served at the dinner. Under the circumstances we are not planning any more social affairs this semester but are trying to aid the conservative cause. Thanksgiving Day our chapter enjoyed a smoker given by three engaged Brothers.

The University is taking a very intense interest in Military training this year and though always having a cadet course, interest is greatly stimulated by war conditions. As officers in this work Indiana Alpha has the following: Capt. R. M. Graeter, first Lieutenant, F. A. Campbell and Second Lieutenant J. H. Weghorst.

We have recently enjoyed the visits of several brothers and wish to extend our hospitality to all brothers who may be able to visit us. Since our last letter we have had the pleasure of calls from the following brothers: Lieutenant R. R. Wible, '19, Camp Taylor, Ky., Corporal S. C. Davis, '20, Fort Benjamin, Harrison, Ind., Lieutenant M. B. Frazee, '13, Fort Sheridan, Ill.

Lieut. H. M. Thomas, Mich. Alpha, in aviation at Cornell. Lieut. J. R. Curl, D. C. Alpha, H. L. Royce, '17, Austin, Ind., B. F. Clark '17, Marshfield, Ind., E. H. Right, '17, Indianapolis, Ind., P. S. Lowe, '17, Camp Taylor, Ky., Ben. Wilson, '16, Indianapolis, Ind., Hugo Mass, Michigan Alpha, M. L. Henry, Mo. Alpha, E. H. Ehmman, Penn. Eta.

Indiana Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a pleasant Christmas vacation and the return of all the members for the remainder of the year.

S. A. Campbell.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

INDIANA ALPHA.

NEW YORK ALPHA

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Thus, far, our capter has been pretty badly shaken by the effects of the war. Both of our upper classes have been seriously depleted by enlistment and the draft. However, our alumni are standing back of us in fine style and, with their support, we will be able to make this a very successful year.

Brother Howard Hoople has just returned from a western trip with the football team, on which he played guard, and reports a very pleasant call on the Nebraska Alpha chapter. Brother Kolbe was also a member of the first string warriors until he injured his ankle.

The initiation of our new brothers safely passed, we are now looking forward to the banquet which will be held at the chapter house on the evening of December 8. We wish to introduce and recommend to the fraternity-at-large the following initiates:

Spencer Hervey Merriam, 'b21, Agg., Westminister, Mass.
James Alexander Ross, Jr., '21, Forestry, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Albert Clifford Eckberg, '21, Liberal Arts, Jamestown, N. Y.
Harold Eugene Mischler, '21, Forestry, Meriden, Conn.
Nelson Julius White, '21, Liberal Arts, Linesville, Pa.
Floyd Emmett Coursen, '21, Liberal Arts, Linesville, Pa.
James Lawrence Crawford, '21, Agg., King's Park, L. I.
Percy Alexander Winchell, '21, Forestry, New York City.
Sherman Reeve Peabody, '21, For., New Yory City.
Lowell Starbuck Nicholson, '21, Liberal Arts, Syracuse, N. Y.
Willard Buell Thompson, '21, Liberal Arts, Syracuse, N. Y.
John MacGregor Fraser, '21, Liberal Arts, Syracuse, N. Y.
John Lester Gregory, Jr., '20, Liberal Arts, Middleton, N. Y.
George Thompson Oakley, '19, Applied Science, Trenton, N. J.

We notice that several of the sister chapters mention the social position of their respective chapters. As to ourselves we

have had several house dances so far this year and judging from the aggregation of fair co-eds who were in attendance at each of these functions we must be fairly well up on the Syracuse social scale.

Recently we have had several calls from Brother Wallis of Vermont Alpha chapter. He lives near the city and we hope to see more of him. We also had a call from Brother Gilbert, Minnesota Alpha, who recently received a commission as Second Lieutenant and was enroute for Camp Dix.

We were just informed that Brothers Forman '18 and Eckberg '17 received commissions as Second Lieutenants at the officer's training camps. Brother Douglass '16 recently communicated with us from England, where he is in an aviation camp, that he is doing well and hopes to go to Italy soon to finish his education in aviation work.

In closing we would wish all of the sister chapters the best of success for the coming New Year.

Russell Guard.

Faternally,

Chapter Historian.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

VIRGINIA EPSILON

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIV.

Two months have passed since our last letter to the Journal. The rushing season had just begun when our last letter was written and then we had no definite knowledge about any individual Freshmen, but we were well satisfied with the general appearance of what looked to be good fraternity material. And now our initial thoughts have been confirmed. If nothing unforeseen prevents, we expect to initiate at least six men. The initiation exercises are held in the middle of January, as we have the "automatic rule" here, that is, each man has to make a passing grade on more than half of his tickets before he can be initiated. But we are confident that that will not affect any of our goats.

Most of our brothers and goats went home for the Thanksgiving holidays, but all have returned for the hops, which are in full sway now.

During this term we have received visits from the following

Brothers: T. R. Sanford, Sam Bowman, W. N. Spencer and Jack Rogers of Va. Alpha; E. L. Copley of Va. Zeta and J. B. Steadham of Alabama Alpha.

The football season has just come to a close with very favorable results. We were not represented in football but expect to have two men out for baseball. There are several letter men of last year who are not back this year and we feel sure Brother Blackwell will win the job of receiving.

In conclusion, Va. Epsilon extends to all her sister chapters very best wishes for a pleasant Christmas vacation and a successful New Year.

P. A. Callaway.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

VIRGINIA ZETA

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

This letter finds Virginia Zeta working hard for the examinations which begin this week. From all indications of this term we must conclude that the scholastic standing of this chapter will continue to hold its honorable rank among the fraternities of Randolph-Macon College.

Although J. W. Copley has deemed it best to leave school and offer his services to our country, and Raymond Blackwell, one of our "goats", has been called home, we, the remaining nine, are trying unusually hard to uphold the standard of Sigma Phi Epsilon here on the campus. With Conway Coe as foward on our basketball quint, and President of Franklin Literary Society, L. L. Sawyer, manager of the 1918 football team, R. E. Garland elected to the Inter-collegiate Debate Preliminary, and Herbert Barnes as manager of the baseball team, we hope that we will not fall very far below the mark set by Sigma Phi Epsilon in previous years. A. E. Brewer, E. H. Brown, and W. A. Rorer keep us well represented among the fair sex. Va. Zeta gave her usual annual oyster roast on December 1st., at which time we were favored with the presence of several of the alumni Brothers, and we feel that the roast was given with the usual success.

In conclusion, we extend to all our chapters best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

A. E. Brewer.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

V.A. ZETA.

GEORGIA ALPHA

GA. SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Now that football season is over, and the last few weeks before the holidays are here, everyone seems to realize that the war situation has a direct bearing on him and numbers of students are leaving college.

At the close of the most successful season of football Georgia Tech. has ever had we find Georgia Alpha well represented on the "Golden Tornado". We have Brothers "Shorty" Guill and "Babe" Higgins who were regulars at end and tackle, respectfully, on the Champions of the United States. Brother Guill was chosen All-Southern end on Coach Hiesman's (Tech) official All-Southern. Brother Higgins, although a first year man, was mentioned in his position on the All-Southern team.

We regret to announce that John Shaw left last week to join the Field Artillery Division at Camp Servier, S. C. He was a very popular man in school and a hard worker for the chapter. We now have twenty-eight stars on Georgia Alpha's service flag and expect several more to leave college soon though we regret to see them go. Henry Watkins, who did not return this year, has joined the Navy as a machinist and we all wish him luck. "Jim" Whitner expects to enlist in the Naval Reserve and Georgia Alpha regrets to lose such a hard working brother who has a diploma almost within his grasp.

The chapter is still pulling down honors. Brother Asbury was initiated in Koseme (Junior Class Club) this fall and Charlie Turner will be taken into Skull and Key (Sophomore Class Club) in the near future. We had five men who made the regular Scrub football team. They were C. F. Turner, F. F. Champion, W. S. Lovell, J. P. Baskin and F. Asbury. Brothers M. F. Guill and J. R. Higgins made their letters on the Varsity. J. W. Vaughan was taken into Phi Kappa Phi (Honorary Scholastic Fraternity) and is taking care of the "Technique" and the Y. M. C. A., in fine style,

being President of both. Brothers Asbury, Murrah and Hulsey are on the staff of the "Technique."

Several brothers have visited us in the last month. Lieutenant L. C. Lewis of Washington Alpha spent two days with us on his way to Camp Greene at Charlotte, N. C. Brothers Robinson and Steadham of Alabama Alpha were here with the Auburn crowd Thanksgiving and they came to see us. Brother Robinson is Captain of the Auburn team. His team played a good game against us, being one of the two that scored on Technology this year. Brothers Harris and Hope of Georgia Alpha have returned from Fort Monroe where both received commissions in the Signal Corps. They will be stationed at San Antonio, Texas.

Georgia Alpha always welcomes any brothers who come through Atlanta. We wish all the chapters a very Merry Christmas and a successful New Year and send luck to any brothers who are leaving for the service.

G. H. Hall.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

DELAWARE ALPHA

DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE

There is a spirit of unrest around Delaware College and Sigma Phi Epsilon as our second letter goes to press. War-time excitement outruns all activities, though Delaware Alpha struggles to maintain the usual standard.

Athletically, football is over and basketball is taking shape. We are proud of Delaware Alpha on the gridiron. She mustered Stewart, Carter, Tonkin, Plam, McCaughan and Foulk. We count on having a captain of football on Quality Hill next year. The Fresh beat the Sophs and mainly through the efforts of A. F. Spaid, J. C. Pierson, H. P. Young and C. T. Attix, who all look like Varsity material in a year or so. W. W. Lattomus represented 1920. On the floor F. B. Carter and Ritz will make strong bids for Varsity. We're expecting them to come through.

In the interim, the chapter entertained the new men with a house party after the Dickinson game. Alumni in the service returned and added a peculiar glamour and excitement to the occasion.

In our last letter we said we thought we had gleaned the campus of material but let us finish what we started and introduce: Initiated November 7th:

Michael Walter Plam, '19, C. E., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Initiated November 28th:

Chauncey Baynard Hanby, '21, Wilmington, Del.
Charles Thomas Attix, '21, A. & S., Kenton, Dela.

Brother Plam, besides playing great at halfback, draws for the "Blue Hen".

At present Delaware Alpha looks forward to her annual dance on January 4, and would like to have all brothers drop in that evening at Old College Hall. We call it Delaware's best in that line.

Our service flag contains twenty-one stars to date and our Heart and Hand go out to each and to every loyal Sigma Phi Epsilon in the service. At such a time nothing is more appropriate than the memory of the bond of fraternity.

J. P. Truss.

Yours in Sigma Phi Epsilon,

Chapter Historian.

DELAWARE ALPHA.

VIRGINIA ETA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

This letter finds Virginia Eta hard at work preparing for her first term examinations, which are almost upon us. Thanksgiving passed very quietly here with us this year as we had no football game, this being the first time for many years that Virginia has not had her annual game with the University of North Carolina on Thanksgiving day. Since our last letter Virginia Eta has taken in three new brothers, whom we are sure will make worthy Sigma Phi Epsilons, and we wish to hereby introduce them to the fraternity-at-large:

Beverly Hart, Jr., '20, Law, Memphis, Tenn.
Thomas C. Phillips, '21, B. A., Wallace, Va.
Jacob L. Smith, '21, B. A., Winchester, Ky.

Several of our goats, as well as old men are out for positions in the Dramatic Clubs, Glee Club, Basketball and other activities. Drill takes up most of our afternoons now; Brother Bagby holds

down a position of First Lieutenant and several other Sigma Phi Epsilons are Sergeants, Corporals, etc.

We enjoyed a visit a few weeks ago from Brother Jack Kennan of Missouri Alpha, we hope that he and any other Sigma Phi Epsilons, who happen to pass this way, will stop by to see us.

Brother Clinton reports having a most enjoyable trip to Philadelphia, when he went to see the Penn.-Cornell game. He says that Pennsylvania Delta certainly has a fine bunch of fellows.

In closing, Virginia Eta wishes to every Sigma Phi Epsilon a most pleasant Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Philip M. Lewis.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA ETA.

ARKANSAS ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

We have been very busy during the last two months, and every one is making splendid grades. We hope to lead in Scholarship this year, and, from present indications, believe we have a good chance.

Since our last letter, we have added three pledges to our number. They are all fine men and possess the characteristics which tend to make worthy Sigma Phi Epsilons.

During the past week, we have had quite a few visitors:—P. C. Hamilton, who remained for the Cadet Club Dance Friday night, D. H. Markle, C. O. Bossemeyer, E. P. Fletcher, who was on his way to Camp Meade, Md., to join the Engineering Corps of the Army, and Emmett Ratcliff, who has just received his Commission as First Lieutenant from the training camp at Fort Sheridan.

Brother George Love is playing the saxophone in the University Orchestra.

R. E. Prothro and F. P. Martin have applied for admission to the third series of Officers Training Camps and have a good chance to be accepted.

Practice for the Class Football Teams began yesterday. We

will be represented in the Freshman and Sophomore classes by our pledges.

During the coming holidays, we have planned to entertain with two house dances.

In closing Arkansas Alpha extends to her sister chapters the Season's greetings.

Fay C. Murphy.

Faternally,

Chapter Historian.

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Since our other letter we have received word of the enlistment of the following brothers: B. S. Derr, National Army; T. R. Davies, First Lieutenant Ordnance; G. McD. Buchman; G. Alexander, Jr., Aviation; N. J. McCrindle, Aviation; C. L. Bachman, Lieutenant Engineers; F. L. Benscoter, First Lieutenant Ordnance.

We have just seen the close of a most successful football season this year and we are proud to say that V. E. Johnson starred as right tackle. We also have the following men representing us in college activities: N. J. McCrindle is out for Asst. Mgr. of Football, R. H. Grubbs out for Asst. Mgr. Wrestling, M. A. Manley has very good chances of making the Wrestling Team, C. G. Gilman and Eustace Eggie are on the Soccer Team, and the latter is also a candidate for Business Manager of the "Epitome", B. T. Ketcham is making a good bid for the Basketball Team, A. L. Purple is on the Tennis Team, J. H. Alden and R. L. Wilson are trying for the "Brown and White" Board; N. J. McCrindle is secretary of the Sophomore Class and W. P. Johnson is treasurer of the Freshman Class.

We have also been very fortunate in having some of the brothers make various social clubs about college; W. H. Alexander, E. Eggie, R. H. Grubbs and N. J. McCrindle were elected to the Sophomore Cotillion; V. E. Johnson made the Cyanide Club; McCrindle and Eggie made the Scimitar Club and the Phi Club; V. E. Johnson and B. H. Rigg made Kappa Beta Phi.

In closing, we wish all our sister chapters a Merry Christmas and a very successful New Year.

E. M. Rowand.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

OHIO GAMMA

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio Gamma has made much progress during these two months of school. Although we have pledged many, we have not sacrificed the quality of our men. On the twenty-third of November we initiated the following men whom we wish to introduce at this time:

James Dwight Palmer, '20, Ag., Cleveland, Ohio.

Herbert Safford Church, '20, Ag., Salem, Ohio.

William Lee Grandle, '20, Arts Ed., Newark, Ohio.

The number of stars in our large service flag is constantly increasing, the last star representing Brother J. R. Jones who will leave soon for Texas, where he will go in training for Signal Service in the Aviation Corps. A. W. Raymond, former All-Ohio football man, and C. S. Miller received commissions at the close of the 2nd training camp. We are proud of all our men serving in the Army, although we dislike to see them go. However, we have about reached the limit, and we will have a goodly number of men to keep up the same high standard of Sigma Phi Epsilon at O. S. U.

As usual, we are well represented in the University Band by G. H. Wilkinson, F. M. Weaver and J. C. Snyder, while J. W. Flaig is the art contributor to the Sun Dial, the University's humorous periodical.

Ohio State has again won the Western Conference Championship in football, and we expect to make a good showing in basketball this year.

Although we have had to watch our "odds and ends" more than ever this year, we have not let our social standing go down. Besides having several house dances in our home, we had a homecoming dance on November 16th at the Hartman Hotel, where we were glad to see so many alumni.

As Columbus is quite a military center now, we have been

fortunate in receiving visits from many Brothers of other chapters who are in some branch of the Army. So remember, if you are ever in the Capital City do not fail to call on us at 22-16th Ave.

Wishing all of our sister chapters the best, we remain,

Edwin R. Keener.

Faternally,

Chapter Historian.

OHIO GAMMA.

VERMONT ALPHA

NORWICH UNIVERSITY

Christmas vacation in sight, we are looking forward to going home, but still the "strong" feeling for our pledges causes us to be ever-mindful of what the Fraternity means to us and what we hope to make it mean to them. With initiation but four days away, we expect "to impress upon them", what the "graveness", of the most important event of their college life, means.

Since our last letter we have initiated Pledge "Levi" Leavitt and now let us introduce to the Fraternity-at-large:

Brother John Woodbury Leavitt, '19, Dorchester, Mass., who, two days later, left us to report at Fortress Monroe, Va. as a Second Lieutenant, U. S. C. A. C.

We wish to announce that the number of men, from our chapter in the service has been increased by ten commissioned officers, from the Alumni, and from the active members, L. L. Brown '20 has entered the U. S. Aviation Corps, and W. B. Boewe '18 and W. W. Locke '19 have been accepted for the Third Officer's Camp, giving us a total of 51 men in the service of 48 per cent of our chapter enrollment.

With football over, our attention is centered on winter sports, for which Vermont is famous. B. W. Boewe '18, the line-plugging captain, received his fourth "N" and T. F. Keefe '18, who was manager received his "N". J. P. Liston '21, the best half-back that Norwich has had for many years, received the cherished letter. Through the work of Boewe and Liston, Norwich managed to annex the State Championship.

Allow us to introduce to you the following men who will take the Oath, December fifteenth:

Irving Hawthorne Winslow, '20, Chem., Dorchester, Mass.

Joseph Henry Murphy, '20, E. E., Milford, Mass.
Edward Weston Burgess, '21, Gen. Plymouth, Mass.
Seward Vaughn Clifford, '21, C. E., Montpelier, Vt.
Francis Joseph Connors, '21, Gen., Fall River, Mass.
Alan Laurence Drury, '21, Gen., Essex Junction, Vt.
Herbert Franklin Harrington, '21, C. E., Portsmouth, N. H.
Richard Francis Keelan, '21, E. E., Dedham, Mass.
James Philip Liston, '21, C. E., Lowell, Mass.
Frederick Merle Matthews, '21, Chem., Fitchburg, Mass.
George Francis Moriarty, '21, Chem., Fitchburg, Mass.
John Mason Washburn, '21, Chem., Plymouth, Mass.
Murray Clark Woodbury, '21, Chem., Burlington, Vt.
Howard Bailey Upham, '21, E. E., Dorchester, Mass.

In closing we wish all our brothers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the greatest of luck for the oncoming dread, Mid-years.

Dean J. Almy.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

VERMONT ALPHA.

ALABAMA ALPHA

ALABAMA POLY. INSTITUTE

The first term of the year has been of great interest to Alabama Alpha. We have just gone through a very successful football season, taking into consideration the strength of our opponent, and the heavy loss of old stars. Our interest has been centered around the team this year, because we have had the honor of having the Captain, Manager, and Cheer Leader. We feel proud of their earnest work in athletics and feel that our returns from such good representation will be a source of help to us. The football season came to a close on "Turkey Day" when we met Ga. Tech in Atlanta. On this day we had the pleasure of meeting many of our Brothers (former members of Alabama Alpha) who have recently entered the Army.

It was a source of great pleasure to have with us a few days ago, R. V. Jones, from Ohio Gamma. Brother Jones is a Second Lieutenant with the Ohio troops, stationed at Montgomery, Ala. Alabama Alpha welcomes visitors from her sister chapters at all times.

In all phases of college activities, Alabama Alpha is still holding her own.

Since the football season C. C. C. Robinson has had several mentions for All-Southern. The Southern football fans can't pass him by.

In the military line, we have representing us this year W. A. Guess, Captain; W. C. McKay, Captain; J. A. Shealy, First Lieutenant; R. J. Ross, Sergeant Major; C. J. Perryman, Corporal; W. M. Stewart still holds his place with the Band and C. M. Gray is a very strong candidate for position after Christmas.

The Glee Club will soon be organized and it is hoped that we may have several who will get in with the club. All the year the club has been trying to come out and now we feel sure that these men will have a chance to get it either in or out of their "system".

But now the end of the term here and exams call our minds away from the glorious past. Every man is doing his part in "getting set" before he "shoots". We hope to take over the scholarship cup this year.

We extend to all Sigma Phi Epsilon our best wishes for much pleasure and success in the year '17-'18.

J. A. Shealy.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

TRINITY COLLEGE

The fall term is now rapidly coming to an end, and we are entering on the last lap of a very prosperous term.

We were extremely unfortunate, however, in losing two of our best men, W. R. Minshew and C. W. Hackney. Brother Minshew was drafted into the service, and is at present at Camp Jackson. Brother Hackney was compelled to leave school and return home.

We have lost only two men so far, and while we deeply regret losing them we still have seven loyal Brothers who are working hard, and fighting every issue for the glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

H. Y. Edgerton is captain of the Junior Class basketball team, and without a doubt he will clinch a place on the Varsity.

We were paid a short visit during the past month by Robt.

Mathews who is a medical student at the University of North Carolina, and who is assistant teacher of anatomy there.

We are still rushing and have bright prospects of getting several good men, whose names we hope to announce in our next letter.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity:

Initiated November 15th:

Henry Preston Pitts, '20, A. B. Glen Alpine, N. C.

R. T. Hambrick was recently initiated into The Tombs, a local fraternity here for the promotion of athletics. All of our Brothers are connected in some way with the various activities of the college, and all are standing high in scholarship.

We have an exceedingly bright outlook this year, and should no misfortune overtake us, we bid fair to have the most prosperous year in the history of our chapter.

In closing, let us say we extend to all Sister Chapters our heartfelt greetings, and best wishes for a happy and enjoyable Christmas.

W. J. Crawford.

Chapter Historian.

Faternally,

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Winter is here and we are snowed in. Nevertheless, our heads are still above water, even though the restless spirit of the war is running freely through the veins of several of our brothers. The overhauling of our machinery was completed with the installation of the new officers, making us physically fit to run through the year, unless the War Horse tears down our first line of defense—our Seniors and Juniors.

Our rushing season is by no means at its close. The double season at Dartmouth this fall makes it particularly difficult to settle our delegation from the Freshman class. With several good prospectives in view, we expect to hail the high flying colors by the end of December.

Just recently we learned that W. L. Brumby, Varsity pitcher of the '16 season, was commissioned as First Lieutenant at Plattsburg, G. K. Richardson received a Second Lieutenancy at Platts-

burg, W. H. McKenzie received a First Lieutenancy at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and R. M. Parker was made a First Lieutenant in the Aviation Corps at Fort Sheridan.

Now that Brother Eastman has distinguished himself on the football field, he is attempting a new project as a C. P. O. at Boston, where he enlisted during the Thanksgiving recess. "K. C." Bevan made his "D" in the Brown game, in spite of a most serious injury sustained in early season. Brothers Haas and Sargent are still journeying on the "Rough Road to Assistant Managership" with good prospects. As captain of the ski team Brother Hulbert sits at his window and prays for heavy snow. Brother "Jimmie" Balch, the boy artist, is making a clean getaway at his post on the Jack o' Lantern.

We are very much pleased to receive visits from our Brothers of the Green Mountains, and sincerely hope that any of the other boys, who succeed in penetrating the wilds of this section of the country, will favor us with a visit. New Hampshire Alpha wishes to extend to all her best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul J. Holloran.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

D. C. ALPHA

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV.

It is interesting to note that our University holds a very unique position in the college world this year, as being probably the only one in the country which has actually gained in the number of students enrolled and this despite the fact that hundreds have left the university to enter the military or naval service. This singular condition has been brought about by the great influx of civilians to accept appointments in the government service. Many of them find time to attend college before or after their working hours, and thus are getting an education while helping Uncle Sam.

In our own little family we have increased slightly, and we take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity-at-large our initiates of November 17, 1917:

Lorenzo Dowe Whitaker, '21, Arts-Law, Salisbury, N. C.

George Franklin Ruck, '20, Law, Sayre, Pa.

George Torreyson Reeves, '19, Arts, Mexico, Mo.

Robert Harris Johnson, '20, Science, Waynesboro, Pa.

They have all entered actively in both university and fraternity life, and we expect all of you will be proud of them some day. As is characteristic of this chapter, the national scope of our fraternity was well exemplified the night of our initiation ceremonies by the presence of four brothers from our sister chapters, Virginia Eta, Pennsylvania Delta, Ohio Alpha and Colorado Gamma. In this connection we wish to acknowledge more or less extended visits from Brothers Thompson, Littleton and Mekaskey, Penn. Delta, Evans and Thevenet, Ohio Alpha, Joy, Colo. Gamma, Louthan, Va. Alpha, Wingett, Del. Alpha, Jiminez, Minn. Alpha, Ham, Va Delta, Hardy, Mich. Alpha, May, Ohio Delta.

We found them, without exception, to be mighty likable fellows, and when they pass on we feel as if we have said "Good bye" to some of our own "old timers".

But our own D. C. Alpha boys in the service are not forgetting us, and we were glad to receive brief visits from Lieutenants H. L. Brown, Hunter, Hyde and Foster, and from Student Officer R. A. Brown and Sergeant Myers. We also received a fine letter from Brother Garver telling us what a dandy time he is having while attending the Ground School of Aviation at Oxford University, England.

We take pleasure in appending two more names to our October list of benedicts, Brother A. H. Fast of Kansas Alpha, who was residing in the chapter house, and our own Tom Conlon having each taken unto himself a wife. They take with them our sincerest wishes for their future success and happiness.

Our social activities have been continued as usual. The usual seasonable smokers were held at the house and were very successful. Then followed a masquerade dance on Hallowe'en, at which appropriate decorations assisted in giving the proper atmosphere of witchery. This annual event has ever been voted one of the jolliest of the year. Next came the Thanksgiving dance, a formal event which is always looked forward to, particularly by some of our alumni brothers. Thanksgiving Day itself, however, was celebrated at the house in true American style by a regular Thanksgiving dinner, at which Brothers Wallace, Fast,

and Schmitt, and their wives were entertained as guests. And to anticipate just a little, we have in prospect an address on December 7, by Congressman Johnson and honorary member of this chapter, which will be given at an informal dinner at the Ebbitt House. Brother Johnson has just returned from a visit to the western battle front, which he made as a member of the Congressional Committee. He will take his trip as a topic, and will give us some first hand information on conditions "over there". This event has been arranged by the local alumni, and they extend cordial invitations to all brothers to be present.

With best wishes to all for a joyous holiday season and a very successful college year, we remain,

Benj. C. Cruickshanks.

Fraternally

Chapter Historian.

D. C. ALPHA.

KANSAS ALPHA

BAKER UNIVERSITY

The football season is now history, and Sigma Phi Epsilon comes in for her share of the honors. Brother Nevins and one of our pledges received letters, and were two of the strongest men on the team. Brother Nevins has received mention on the All-Kansas team.

All eyes are now turned toward basketball. Four of our men are out for the teams. Brothers Nevins and F. W. McDonald will doubtless make the Varsity.

On Tuesday, November 27th, we held our annual Fall party, the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner; Paul Lawless of Kansas City, an alumnus of the chapter as well a vocalist of renown, gave us a musical program before the dinner was served.

A number of our members have recently married. Among these are C. C. C. Clarridge, '17, Lieutenant Walter Scott, '17, Private Claude Main, ex-'18, and Private McKinley Akey, ex-'18.

Brother Ralph Nevins has left college for military service, thus leaving us with only five active members.

We intend to have our initiation on Saturday night, December 8th, and a warm time is being planned for the ten men to be put through the ordeal.

Brother Frank Roberts, ex-'19 has recently been appointed by

Governor Capper, as one of the two representatives of Kansas at West Point.

We have enjoyed visits from W. Waring, Lieutenant Pyles, Chas. Price, Geo. Hoefer, Freeman Havighurst, Fred A. Price, Lloyd Scott, Roy Russell, and Paul Lawless.

Heartiest good wishes to all brothers and chapters

Leon K. Whitney.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

KANSAS ALPHA.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

California Alpha has just completed one of the hardest semesters of it's existence. Three more of the Brother have joined the colors since the present semester began. Brother Thiele was drafted and is now a Sergeant at American Lake, Washington. G. W. Boyd transferred to the Aviation Corps, and will be called out on the 5th or thereabouts. S. S. Kapp expects to leave on the 10th for Camp Fremont. W. K. Ball has just signed up in the Naval Reserve, but does not know when he will be called out.

W. J. Escherich returned from a trip through the Orient on the third, and told us some exceedingly interesting stories and experiences. He signed up in the Naval Reserve the early part of the last summer and is one of six men who were chosen to take their training on board a Pacific Mail Steamship. He had the rank of Junior Petty Officer, and after his next trip will receive the commission of Junior Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

H. W. Morton who enlisted in the Artillery at the beginning of the semester, successfully passed his examinations for First Lieutenant. California Alpha's service flag now contains 25 Stars.

Because of the small number of active men in the house and because of the small prospect of new men next semester, the house will probably close it's board department at the end of this semester. This is a hard step to take, but war conditions make it practically impossible to run the board department and break even financially without raising the monthly assessment too high.

On account of the war, California was forced to build its football team out of raw material. In spite of this fact, the team

won the first Big Game since 1912, by a score of 27—0, against Washington.

Three of the Brothers have joined the ranks of the Benedicts, namely: L. E. Wraith, W. E. Himmelmann, and P. E. Reams. We wish them the best of luck.

A Fraternity pin belonging to Walter M. Bowen was found in Oakland on December 3rd. If any of the Brothers know where Brother Bowen can be found, I wish they would communicate with me.

Several Brothers from other chapters have visited the house lately and we wish more would come around.

In closing California Alpha hopes her sister chapters will be able to hold up in spite of the war.

Douglas Aitken.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

NEBRASKA ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Since our last letter we have initiated and commend to the Fraternity-at-large the following brothers:

Andrew Emmett Anderson, Lincoln, Neb.

Herman Stevens Delano, Lincoln, Neb.

Frank Adair Plehn, Scottsbluff, Neb.

We have also pledged two more promising men.

In athletics Ed. Kositzky landed high among the gridiron stars. He won his "N" on the Nebraska team, was picked as guard on the All-Missouri Valley team, and mentioned by some chitics as the most likely candidate for the same place on the All-American.

Kenneth Plehn was elected business manager of "Agriculture", a monthly publication of the Agricultural college students. M. C. Townsend was chairman of the Ag. Hop. and alternate on the Swine Judging Team at the National Swine Show in Omaha, and with the squad at Chicago. A. E. Anderson was on the Swine Judging Team also, and on the Stock Judging Team at the International Stock Show in Chicago, where he tied for fifth place. The Nebraska team won First in both contests.

John Pickett was elected President of the Freshman Law Class and student member of the Athletic Board.

On the Olympics, the annual regulated scrap between "Soph" and "Fresh", two of our pledges won first in heavy weight and second in feather-weight wristling.

Mars has called on us again and five more men have gone from the house in answer, A. D. Davey, John Pickett, Frank Plehn, Herman Delano, and Ed. Kositzky. From the second Training Camp at Fort Snelling three brothers have been awarded commissions; Roy Imbody and J. S. Wishart as First Lieutenants in the Infantry and Henry Theisen as Second Lieutenant of Artillery.

On the evening of November 20th, Nebraska Home-Coming Day, the Alumni of the Chapter held a banquet at the Lincoln Hotel. Many of the "Old Boys" were in town to talk over old times and size up the "new bunch".

The Active Chapter is deeply indebted to these older Brothers for the help and encouragement they have been during these trying months, when war and industrial calls have made great inroads upon the active membership.

In closing, we ask that any Brother who happens to visit our vicinity will give us the chance of extending the glad hand. You will always find a cheery greeting if you drop at 1319 Que.

A. C. Anderson.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

WASHINGTON ALPHA

WASH. STATE COLLEGE

Two months of the college year have passed, and Washington Alpha is in fine condition, considering the trials and tribulations of the war.

Nine active members and one pledge returned to College this fall, and a special initiation was held. We wish to introduce to the fraternity-at-large, initiated October 11, 1917:

Fred Vernon Hamilton, '20, Agr., Chehalis, Wash.

Our rushing season has been very successful, and we have fourteen of the best pledges that Washington Alpha has ever had. The freshman football team had a very successful season several of our pledges playing on the team. Two of these men at least should make the Varsity next year.

Washington State College won the Pacific Coast and Northwest

Championship by defeating the University of Washington Thanksgiving day with S. E. Stites and F. V. Hamilton playing left guard and left tackle, respectively, and B. M. Bangs playing left half. Brother Bangs is undoubtedly the best half back on the Pacific Coast, and Brother Stites should have a place on the all Northwest team. Both of these brothers have played their last college game.

Interfraternity basketball will soon start, and we hope to keep the cup which now helps to decorate our mantle.

The call for Varsity wrestling material has been issued, and C. C. Ewing as captain expects to turn out a winning team.

Brother C. A. Phillips won the cross country race this fall, covering the five miles in record time.

Several of our Brothers and pledges are active along lines other than athletics. R. W. Mc Kenna is editor of the "Chinook", the College Annual. Both are pledged to Alpha Zeta and Brother Mc Kenna is president of the Dairymen's Club.

Brother B. L. Stone is president of the Senior class, and A. T. Fleming is president of the Spokane Club, one of the strongest organizations on the campus.

Brothers Stites and Hamilton are serving on the Athletic Council of the Associated Students.

The war will hit our chapter very hard within the next two months. Brothers Bangs, Stone and Phillips have their applications in for the third training camp. However, we will all strive to keep Sigma Phi Epsilon at the top.

T. F. Hastings.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

MASS. AGRI. COLLEGE

Massachusetts Alpha sends her greetings to her sister Chapters and extends the best of good wishes for the holidays to all Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We are all plugging hard here at M. A. C., because the college year has been so shortened. The intensity of the scholastic work together with the spirit of uncertainty due to the war conditions has made this last term exceedingly difficult. But the chapter

has responded by working all the harder. Despite the great competition in pledging this fall, we were able to pledge seven most promising men. These men have made the right start by getting into the student activities from the beginning.

Brother E. P. Cotton played tackle on the victorious senior football team, while D. H. Cande and J. F. Carleton played on the sophomore eleven. In the interclass track meet Brother Carlson won the shotput and was awarded second in the discus throw. On the junior "Index" board we have D. T. Neubold, head of the literary department, S. G. Mattoon on the comics, and A. L. Chandler on the business department. D. H. Cande is historian, and J. F. Carleton, treasurer of the class of 1920.

Massachusetts Alpha has been very much shaken up by the war; we have about twenty men in the military service, and the rest of us are training in the M. A. C. unit of the R. O. T. C. Several of the Brothers are going to enlist before the 15th and the following have applied for the third officers training camp in the quota of thirty six, allotted to M. A. C.: Brothers C. G. Mattoon, T. H. Reuman, W. P. Loring, D. H. Cande, and D. T. Neubold.

Under the able managership of T. H. Reumann, vice president of the Y. M. C. A., the War Fund here was boosted to over \$6000.00 in a two day's campaign. The cabinet carrying on this big work also included D. H. Cande and D. H. Smith.

With best wishes to Sigma Phi Epsilons in college and service, we remain,

Arthur L. Chandler.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

NEW YORK BETA

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Cornell has responded to the duties of war times and Sigma Phi Epsilon has joined her efforts for the good of the cause. The Faculty has seen fit to take away all vacations with the exception of ten days at Christmas. The revised calendar brings commencement four weeks earlier making it May 22 instead of June 19.

On the 20th day of October we initiated the following men:

Kenneth Marshall shaw, '20, Arts, Denver, Col.

Irving Bostey Baugher, '21, Arts, Baltimore, Md.

Harold Edmund Brennan, '21, M. E., Yonkers, N. Y.

Clarence Wesley Brown, '21, E. E., Akron, Ohio.

Benjamin Amos Cunning, Jr., '21, M. E., Yonkers, N. Y.

Joseph Dewey Dunleavy, '21, M. E., Denver, Col.

David Halliday Moffat, '21, M. E., Denver, Col.

Murrill Hamilton Forster, '21, C. E., Buffalo, New York.

The new Brothers have entered Cornell activities with the spirit. Three of the new men won their numerals in Freshman Football. Brother Dunleavy played a fast and level headed game at left half back. Brother Baugher played a steady game, the short heavy fullback very seldom failing to make the required yards when the team was in a tight place. Brother Cunningham played a very consistent game at right guard and played through every game without injury.

Brother Malcolm has been made manager of Freshman Baseball.

In other activities Sigma Phi Epsilon is equally strong. T. M. Malcolm and A. B. Boehm have made the Savage Club of Ithaca New York. H. E. Brennan succeeded in landing a place on the Mandolin Club. Brother Malcolm and pledge Ostrom have both proved to the Glee Club that two good tenors make a valuable addition. A. B. Boehm has been appointed manager of the mask. The Inter-Fraternity Bowling League has just been organized and the Brothers are seriously considering upholding the championship record which Sigma Phi Epsilon has held for several years.

This thanksgiving found most of the Brothers in the house. This was because the regular vacation had been despersed with and only one day was set aside for the administering of thanks. A wonderful meal was given for the brothers, and even though the old folks were absent, we were reminded of that delicious meal that "Mother used to cook". The annual Sophmore dance was held Friday night November 16th. The entire house participated and by the mutual agreement between the "stags" and the "regulars" the dance was made a complete success.

E. F. Benjamin has returned to Ithaca and has entered the U. S. School of Military Aeronautics. He is the third member of

the Chapter to take the course and the fifth Sigma Phi Epsilon. J. A. Meissner is now a Lieutenant in the Aviation Corps of France. J. O. W. Donaldson completed his course in aeronautics here and went to Toronto Canada to take up an advanced course.

T. C. Weillepp has left the University to accept a position with the Bethlehem Steel works at the Sparrow's Point Shipyards, Baltimore, Maryland.

In conclusion New York Beta extends to her sister chapters wishes for a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

W. I. Wilson.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

NEW YORK BETA.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Here at Brown, we can hardly realize that December and winter are here. The fact is there are too many things demanding our attention and the time has consequently slipped by unnoticed. But there have been several occasions or events that stand out prominently among many activities. Several of these have been the visits of quite a few brothers from sister chapters. Never before has Rhode Island Alpha had the pleasure of receiving visits from so many brothers. Of course Providence is not a place where people stop frequently unless they are on business, but we urge all brothers to make it a point of visiting Brown even if they are in town only for a half hour or so.

After reading over the October Journal, we have noticed that a great number of our brothers are located at Newport. We wish that all of them would visit our chapter at any time they have the opportunity.

As to the activities of Brown men there is little to say except that our football season was a remarkable success, in that our team of unseasoned men possessed a "never-say-die" spirit which was practically unbeatable.

Brown is endeavoring to keep up all of her major and minor activities. Now that football is over, swimming, track, gymnastics, and the non-athletic activities are having full sway. Sigma Phi Epsilon is represented as strongly as possible. R. A. Lawder is leading and coaching the musical clubs, H. C. Jeffers is a mem-

ber of the clubs, and W. C. Leonard is again on the swimming squad.

In closing Rhode Island Alpha sends Christmas greetings to all sister chapters and wishes them a successful New Year.

Wardwell C. Leonard.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Since the October letter Michigan Alpha has had the busiest rushing season in its history. The results have been very good as we have initiated nine men and have eight pledges. We had a good football season at home but the last two games away from home we lost. We also gave a very successful dance, where all had a very enjoyable time. Brother J. H. Marks and wife of Detroit were the chaperones. Brother Vance of Pennsylvania Delta was also there. The basketball season is now opening and we have several with chances to make the team.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity the following:
Initiated November 17:

Curtis Claude Later, '19, Dent., Bigby, Idaho.

John Carothers Haymaker, '21, Lit., Washington, Pa.

Willis Boyd Hayes, Jr., '21, C. E., Laconia, N. H.

Harry Joseph Rennell, '19, Dent., Manistee, Mich.

Samuel Burton Rentsch, '19, Med. Wooster, O.

Stewart Clarence Heuston, '19, Dent., Detroit, Mich.

Glenn Howard B. Cummings, '21 A. B., Edmond, Mich.

Edwin Charles Bowers, '20, Law, Rosford, O.

Viggo Ellis Hansen, '20, C. E., Manistee, Mich.

November 17th we unfurled our service flag to the breeze and it is the envy of State Street and, in fact, all the fraternities at Michigan. It contains thirty-nine stars, one star for each member in the service of Uncle Sam who were in school last year. We have with us Viggo Hansen who is a member of the Naval Reserves and who spent last summer at Great Lakes Training Station. He is at school on furlough. H. M. Thomas who received his commission as a second Lieutenant in the first Officers Train-

ing Camp was with us several days last week. He has been assigned to duty at Cornell University.

One of our Brothers, Irving "Spike" Ellison, because of a nervous breakdown was, compelled to leave school November 25th. He is going to take a good rest and hopes to be with us when the second semester opens.

Although we are beyond danger of having to close for lack of men, we still have plenty to do. Everyone is putting his shoulder to the wheel and we have hopes of a most successful year.

With best wishes, we remain,

A. E. Later.

Faternally,

Chapter Historian.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

IOWA ALPHA

IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Even though few things have come to pass since our last writing, we are diligently at work preparing for the many activities soon to be launched at Wesleyan.

With E. C. White, together with several out for college debate we have reason enough to believe that our standard in forensics will be maintained, and when the personnel of the men's glee club is announced we expect to be well represented, as per custom.

We are still glorying in the success of our Thanksgiving Informal Dinner Party at which we were favored by the visit of several alumni. At present we have with us First Lieut. J. H. Kemble recently of Fort Snelling who has stopped for a short visit on his way to Seattle, Wash., where he is to be stationed. Percy Caris of the Kansas City Alumni Association left here last week for Washington, D. C., to fill a position in the Quartermaster's Department. We also are glad to announce many favorable reports of our chapter brothers in the service.

Iowa Alpha has just emerged from a successful football season with three men out of six on the squad receiving letters, F. J. Snider and two pledges. We are expecting Brother Snider to be the captain elect.

We wish to introduce and recommend to the fraternity-at-large as Brothers, initiated October 29, 1917:

Wallace Burrell Carpenter, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

Claude Clarence Heckman, Ottumwa, Ia.

Charles Edward Shook, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

With these few testimonials of our sincere interest in the welfare of Sigma Phi Epsilon, we join in wishing all our sister chapters the best possible success.

L. E. Moats,

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

IOWA ALPHA.

COLORADO BETA

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Things have not been moving very smoothly for Colorado Beta since the last edition of the Journal. Only a few of the Brothers returned at the beginning of the session, and many of these have since enlisted in some form of service, but we have managed to keep our fine line of Pledges together, and when these are initiated conditions will no doubt improve.

In athletics, Colorado Beta was represented on the football squad of Denver University, this year's Rocky Mountain champions, by Brother Bruce Andrews, quarter-back, and though this was his first year at Varsity football, his work was of such stellar quality as to cause some football critics to recommend him for the All-Rocky Mountain Quarter. Pyke Johnson, one of the best-known sporting writers of the West, even goes so far as to call him the "brainiest" quarter-back ever seen on a Western gridiron. His ability as a quarter is all the more marked, because he weighs only one hundred and thirty six pounds. Pledge Sites, who was unable to report until late in the session, showed rare ability at end, and bids fair to become a regular Varsity end next year. The man who developed this year's undefeated team was Brother "Johnnie" Fike, who has been mentioned so often in our chapter letters during the past several years, that he needs no further comment.

Basket-ball practice is now in full sway, and we will be represented on the team by Brothers Trout and Graves and a Pledge.

We have received visits from many Brothers, who have stopped over at Denver while en route to army camps.

In closing, Colorado Beta wishes all sister chapters a merry Xmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

J. Earl Graves,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

COLORADO BETA.

TENNESSEE ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF TENN.

The Hill has been unusually quiet all Fall, owing to the fact that intercollegiate football games were called off, also social activities have been more infrequent than in former years. Many men have been leaving school to help "win the war". Tennessee Alpha is sending to the next training camp Brothers T. D. Maher, W. M. Johnson, and P. B. Dodson. These three are active members. Two of the Old Guard, J. B. Baker and J. C. Prichard, were here last week, getting in applications for the training camp.

Brother Harsch, of D. C. Alpha, who is tired of being a "Prof" on the Hill, passed his exam for a commission as Ensign in the naval reserve. He expects to report very soon. "Sandy" Vowell and W. T. Evans of the Marine Corps surprised us with a short visit recently. To quote them, the Marine Corps is "THE" branch of the service.

Turkey Day—without a football game—threatened to be dull, but two of Uncle Sam's Lieutenants, Eagle and Beaman, who were members of the chapter last year, livened things up quite a bit.

Baskeball practice has gotten off to a good start and two of our pledges are giving good account of themselves.

Best wishes to all the Brothers for a very pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year.

C. S. Keith.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

MISSOURI ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Considering the war condition under which we are laboring, this Chapter is enjoying marked success in all its undertakings. At the same time Missouri Alpha is furnishing a goodly number of men for the war service, both from the alumni and brothers in the active chapter. C. A. McCanse is enlisting in the Navy and F. B. Ralston has entered the Marines. The next call of the Draft will take away several more of the active chapter. We are, however, pretty well reinforced with younger men. We have just received word that Floyd E. Fewell has been granted a First Lieutenantcy in the Infantry, and Boyd Brown is in the Engineering Corps, located at Camp Meade, Md.

We have several new pledges who should go far toward filling any gaps which may be left in our ranks. Two of these are members of the University Glee Club. We are now represented by six men on the Glee Club. R. H. Ewing has been playing guard on the Varsity football team all season and will be awarded his "M", and D. F. Banks has won an "M" in cross country. Earl Groesback has been chosen to Tau Beta Pi, being one of the three highest ranking men in the School of Engineering. Ernest Decker and Spurling are Phi Beta Pi pledges.

Our Founders' Day banquet on the night of November 2nd at the Daniel Boone Tavern was very much of a success. On the week end following we gave a house dance and are planning another for December the fifteenth.

Thanksgiving Day, the occasion of the Missouri-Kansas game, was Homecoming Day for Missouri Alumni. A large number of Alumni Brothers were back with us at that time, as well as many other guests, and the capacity of the old house was taxed, but we managed to accommodate the crowd. The following Brothers were with us on this occasion: J. S. Pierson, W. E. Hutchins, Jerry Fruin, Don Chapman, Lieut. I. V. Le Bow, Arthur Sames, Eugene Black, Edward Gray, Jack Kennan, Don Libbey, Boyd Greever, Raymond Wilson, Velpo Street, W. M. Denham and Bliss Wolfe from Kansas Alpha. Brother Gray was married on the twenty-eighth of November to Miss Ruth Sawyer of Clinton, Mo. and brought his bride with him.

We desire to introduce the following brothers initiated October 14th:

John Clarence Haynes, '18, Agriculture, Marshfield, Mo.

Richard Thomas Wright, '20, Agriculture, LaBelle, Mo.

Roy Glenwood Spurling, '20, Medicine, Columbia, Mo.

Initiated November 29th:

Raymond Milton Wilson, '19, Eng., Jonesburg, Mo.

Lawrence Taylor Ralston, '19, Com., Wheeling, Mo.

Russell Howard Ewing, '20, Arts, Redfield, South Dakota.

Hiram Clifton Doolin, '19, Eng., Albany, Mo.

Missouri Alpha extends its best wishes to all sister chapters for a happy holiday season.

Joseph P. Davies.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

MISSOURI ALPHA.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

LAWRENCE COLLEGE

With the late opening of Lawrence, WIS. ALPHA immediately became busy. Our rushing was somewhat hampered by the new college rules which forbade having the new men in the house, and the expenditures of any money; nevertheless we pledged 10 men of the freshman class and one of the class of 1919, and we are confident that they will measure up to the high Sigma Phi Epsilon standards. Our membership now includes 14 active and 12 pledges.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following new brothers, initiated on November 5th.

William Arthur Ralston, '20, Rockford, Ill.

E. Stanton Wettergren, '20, Rockford, Ill.

Clarence L. Dyson, '20, Rockford, Ill.

William Oliver Busby, '20, Arcadia, Wis.

Debate tryouts will soon be held for membership on the inter-collegiate teams, with a number of our men participating. Last year four of the six "I" debates were members of the fraternity. This year, only two of the experienced men are back, Brothers Art and Paul Vincent, but we expect to have our usual quota when the tryouts are over.

Our service flag now has twenty-eight stars and the number is increasing daily. Brother Olson has been transferred from Great lakes to active service, and Brother Edwin Walterbach has enlisted in the Ambulance Corps. It might be interesting to note that in the Y. M. C. A. work in Camp Funston, Wisconsin Alpha now has three secretaries, R. S. Mitchell, W. C. Eddy, and E. C. McInnis.

G. W. McIlroy is making a very able assistant to W. A. Ralston, who is associate editor of the Lawrentian. Brother Kevill Larson was recently elected Cheer Leader and is proving very efficient in his new position. We would like to say that we lost the key to our front door some time ago; it is always open and would be very glad to see any Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers at all times.

Earl Watson.

Fraternally yours,

Chapter Historian.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

PENN. STATE COLLEGE

At the beginning of the school year we were comparatively few in number, but everybody got together and we succeeded in getting a good bunch of new men. We wish to introduce to the fraternity-at-large the following men:

Raymon Gladden Adams, '21, Kittaning, Pa.

Francis Dean Hoyt, '21, I. E., Bellevue, Pa.

Clarence Edward Lewis, '21, I. E., Coraopolis, Pa.

Donald Norman Mac Donald, '21, E. E., Butler, Pa.

William Carey Shultz, '21, E. E., Altoona, Pa.

James Allen, '19, D. H., Lansdown, Pa.

Lindley Rutter Strohl, '21, L. A., Pottstown, Pa.

Henry Ainsworth Smith, '20, A. H., Narberth, Pa.

Our annual house-party held on the occasion of the Lehigh-State football game on Pennsylvania Day proved to be the greatest affair, socially, that Penna. Eta has ever undertaken. The thirty couples certainly kept things buzzing for four days.

Now that our football season has closed we turn our thoughts toward the wrestling season. In this sport we are represented by J. K. Johnson as Varsity manager and R. S. Shultz the one hundred and fifty eight pound Varsity man from last year. W. J. McKee is trying hard to make the one hundred and fifteen pound class.

In closing, Penna. Eta extends to all sister chapters its most hearty wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

John B. Eby.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA ETA.

OHIO EPSILON

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

We are just starting on a short lap of college work between Thanksgiving recess and Christmas holidays. Thus far, this year has been a most excellent one for our chapter. Our pledges have not disappointed us in any respect, and it will be a great pleasure to introduce them to the fraternity as eight worthy brothers.

The college celebrated its annual Home-Coming November 17th, in connection with the last football game on the schedule. The team completed a very successful season with P. M. Spurrier and G. A. Wallace at the guard positions. Brother Spurrier played in every quarter of the season except two when he was taken out on account of injuries. Both men will get their letters. Brother Eugene Rogers is filling the position of second tenor on the Varsity Quartette this year while D. F. Wood is our representative in debate. Brother Spurrier has recently been elected to the Jesters, and Brother Wood to the Toastmasters, both honorary Senior Societies. Twelve of our men are in the college battalion that is being trained by Major H. P. Ward.

Brother Eugene F. Powell was called from his college duties the latter part of October to enter the service of Uncle Sam at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. We are very sorry to lose him but we feel that our loss is our country's gain, for Brother Powell is of the stuff of which good soldiers are made.

We are pleased to introduce to the fraternity.

Initiated November 16, 1917.

Walter Ross Conner, '20, B. A., McVeyton, Pa.

To our sister chapters, we wish a merry Christmas and a most successful New Year.

R. J. Yaney.

Chapter Historian

Fraternally,

OHIO EPSILON.

COLORADO GAMMA

COLO. AGRI. COLLEGE

So far this year things have progressed very well for Colorado Gamma.

We were well represented on the football Varsity; J. L. Hoerner, L. F. Schiele, making their sweaters, while J. A. Read and A. T. Bennet, were on the squad.

Basketball season will soon start and we will have several men trying out for the team. M. R. Moorehead and R. M. Burger are going out. Brother Moorhead was on the squad last year.

Brother S. F. Landers has been pledged and initiated into the Alpha Zeta Fraternity, a honorary agricultural fraternity, and which is a goal sought after by many students.

The debate tryouts for the intercollegiate team are to be held soon. W. C. Stratton, S. F. Landers and W. P. Yetter are going to try for the team.

We will hold our first initiation this year on December 7th and we have ten men whom we hope to initiate.

We are giving our Christmas Dance December 15, 1917, and we feel sure that it will be a great success and provide a good time for everyone. All Sigma Phi Epsilons are cordially invited.

At present it looks as tho the next draft will hurt us badly, J. L. Hoerner, W. C. Stratton, E. C. Johnson, W. C. Nye, S. F. Landers, and W. P. Yetter are all subject to call. We are hoping that we will not lose them as they comprise the senior members in our chapter.

Brother T. H. McCarthy, a graduate of this college, and who is at present working at the college, is expecting to enter in the next training camp.

We have had several brothers from Eastern Chapters visit us this fall. We enjoy having them even for a short time, and hope that all members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity who will be in this locality in the future will come and see us.

Hoping that all of our sister Chapters will enjoy a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

J. G. Blanch,

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

COLORADO GAMMA.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

UNIV. OF MINNESOTA

Since our last chapter letter the prospects for Minnesota Alpha chapter have risen higher than the members who were here when school opened dared to expect, and we hope the other chapters have been as successful as we.

We have initiated four men and we wish to take this opportunity to introduce to the fraternity-at-large the new brothers, initiated October 30, 1917:

Harold Curran Stork, '20, Law, St. Paul, Minn.

Charles Bennett Congdon, '19, Premedic, Hibbing, Minn.
November 27, 1917.

Harry Gilbert Nicholson, '19, C. E., Crookston, Minn.

Paul Atwood Harvey, Bot. P. G., Cashmere, Wash.

This makes a total of 17 actives in Minnesota Alpha chapter. H. W. Hartle intends to enter school the second semester. Not only our chapter but also hosts of friends on the campus will be glad to see him back. In addition to the initiates announced above, we have seven pledges whom we are sure will make good Sigma Phi Epsilons.

Brother Stillwell is out for basketball and in the cadet band. C. B. Congdon is night editor for the Minnesota Daily, assistant cheer leader, and very active in Y. M. C. A. work.

I. H. Northfield has enlisted in the Dental Reserves.

A. W. Spellacy is a Lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. at the University and H. C. Stock is taking up a special course in radio work in the electrical department. C. F. Moore was elected treasurer of the '20 Engineers. L. J. Pankow has been appointed laboratory instructor in the Biology department.

During the past month we have been favored with visits from Brothers Graff, Wishert, Theisen, and Imbody from Nebraska Alpha; Brother Perkins from Michigan Alpha; and Brothers Colahan, Richardson, Mollison and J. W. Anderson of Minnesota Alpha. Brother Edmondson of Iowa Beta who received a commission as First Lieutenant in the Second R. O. T. C. at Fort Snelling has been an occasional visitor. Brother Whitson of Indiana Alpha who is enlisted in the Medical Corps at Fort Snelling has likewise been an occasional visitor.

Minnesota Alpha recently purchased a service flag on which

we have fourteen stars. Two of the Brothers, Lieutenant H. E. Loye, and Sergeant P. O. Anderson are already in France. We are at present working on an "Honor Gallery", in which we purpose to place a picture of each of our members who enters some branch of the service. This we think is a small tho fitting tribute to the men who are making the great sacrifice for love of country.

We have not been so active as in former years in social matters, though we gave a dance on Saturday evening, October 27th at which we entertained twenty-five couples and had a splendid time. On Saturday, the 10th of November, Minnesota defeated Chicago 33 to 0 and this helped to kill the sting of the defeat we received by Wisconsin the week before. After the game we entertained quite a number of our alumni and friends among the U Students at open house.

Wishing success to our sister chapters, we remain,

Clarence F. Moore.

Faternally

Chapter Historian.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

IOWA BETA

IOWA STATE COLLEGE

Since our last letter the Brothers have been getting into the routine work preceeding the holiday vacation.

Homecoming Day was the 10th of November, and we celebrated the event by defeating the Kansas Aggies by the close score of 10 to 7. Quite a number of our older Brothers and some from the neighboring chapters, who are stationed at Camp Dodge, were present at our Homecoming party.

On October 8th the following were initiated:

Leroy Reed Corliss, '20, Dairying, Omaha, Nebr.

Wm. Herbert Yungelas, '20, Farm M'gt., Webster City, Ia.

Initiated November 10th:

Edwin Harold Bodley, '18, A. H., Newton, Ia.

Harvey Dean Hunter, '20, E. E., Anamosa, Ia.

Claude L. Moran, '18, A. H., Nevada, Ia.

M. G. Van Scoy is singing on the college glee club and C. L. Moran is with the college stock judging team at the International Live Stock Show in Chicago.

A. E. Beardsley was married the twenty-first of November, and on Thanksgiving Day E. E. Axthelm also joined the benedicts. M. R. Murray had charge of "Axie's school at Eagle Grove, Iowa, while Brother Axthelm was away.

We have enjoyed visits from Brothers Graham, Colorado Gamma, Breitenstein, Iowa, Alpha; Morasco, Iowa Gamma; Anderson, Hickenlooper, Minnis, Laybourn, Yungclas, and Axthelm of our own Chapter.

Our Thanksgiving vacation was a one day affair, and because of this most of the men spent the day at the chapter house, as the supply in the family larder was greatly increased by welcome boxes from home. The Christmas vacation begins December 19th and lasts until January 2nd.

In closing, Iowa Beta wishes all the chapters a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Wm. H. Yungclas.

Fraternally,

Chapter Historian.

IOWA BETA.

IOWA GAMMA

STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The prospects of our chapter are not so bright as at the last writing. Our older men are beginning to leave for military service. Brother Cecil Swad left this week for home before going to Newport, Rhode Island, where he will be in the Naval Electrical Engineering Service. Others have applied or are endeavoring to get in before December 15th., when enlistments of registered men will be closed. Aerial Service seems to be the most popular branch of the Army with the men here.

Brother Wells, who has been in the Signal Officers' Reserve Corps for only eleven weeks, is now in New York or on his way to France where he will receive his final training as a flier. We regretted very much in not having Brother Wells with us this year, but we are glad to see him progressing so rapidly.

We have not pledged since the first of the year. We have four upper classmen to initiate before Christmas and several Freshmen to take in at the end of the semester.

We have had two nice parties this fall. The second of which was the night before our homecoming game, November 23d. We

were pleased to have in attendance Brothers Jones, Van Scoy, and Weatherwax of Iowa Beta. Other guests of the week-end were Brothers Fitch and Axthelm of Iowa Beta and Brothers Carson and Moats of Iowa Alpha. Incidentally, we were pleased to show our guests how Iowa beats Ames. Brothers Wencel and Owen were back for Homecoming.

Our only scholarship report this time is that Brother Bruce Kenworthy has made Tau Beta Pi.

Wishing our sister chapters the best year possible under the circumstances and extending a cordial invitation to all of our brothers to accept of our hospitality when in this vicinity, we remain ever,

James E. Franken.

Chapter Historian.

Fraternally,

IOWA GAMMA.

CHAPTER HISTORIAN TAKE NOTICE.

The March Journal will be an installation number issued March 16th. All chapter letters must be in by February 23rd.

With the Alumni

Brother Otis Griner '14 is a 2nd Lieut. of the Field Artillery at Camp Lee, Va.

Brother Henry J. Foeman, a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army, who is visiting our chapter, received a communication today, saying that his brother Charles Ian Forman, a Sigma Phi Epsilon from the Ohio Delta chapter was killed while in action in France on November 11th.

Brother Forman was born at Sahranpore, India. He was early taken to Scotland where he lived four years, later coming to America where he was raised. While at the University of Wooster he was admitted to Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, in which he was an active member for three years. Leaving Wooster, the deceased went to Canada where he attended the University of Toronto. Brother Forman was wounded twice before receiving his third and fatal wound.

At present, no further information can be secured. However, New York Alpha extends its most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Brother Joseph Ryland Curl, D. C. A. now First Lieutenant Aviation Section of the United States Army, was married on December 6, 1917 to Miss Lucie Leah Hood of Wheeling, W. Va.

Dr. George J. Lawrence, Pa. Delta is Major Surgeon in the Rainbow Division, 165 U. S. Infantry. His brother, Austin L. Lawrence, Pa. Delta, First Lieutenant Dental Surgeon, is in the same regiment. They are in active service in France.

Louis K. Wychoff, Indiana Alpha, has been compelled to withdraw from college this session and may be found at Valparaiso, Indiana, R. R. 6.

C. L. Turnipseed, Virginia Delta is with the Butler County Drug Co. at Georgiana, Ala.

Adrian G. Gould, Rhode Island Alpha is practicing Medicine

at Akron, Ohio. Brother Gould secured his degree in medicine at Harvard Medical School.

W. C. Hester, Georgia Alpha is located at 241 Niles St., Akron, Ohio.

Cecil W. Sward, Iowa Gamma has joined the Electrical Engineering Service of the Navy.

Edward H. Therenet, Ohio Alpha has received a commission as Lieutenant.

A. D. Davey, Nebraska Alpha has entered the Aviation Corps, U. S. Army.

Leon T. Mark, Pennsylvania Epsilon is located at 1984 Railway Exchange Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Glen M. Vickery, Kansas Alpha who has so well filled the office of Secretary of the Denver Alumni Chapter has joined the Brothers in the U. S. Army.

Melville M. Low, Rhode Island Alpha is located at 665 E. Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio.

Thomas Gardner, Georgia Alpha is located at 107 W. Lake Ave., Barberton, Ohio.

Albert Johnson, M. C., D. of C. Alpha, has just returned from the Western War Front where he visited as a member of the Congressional Investigating Committee.

Thomas J. Weilopp, New York Beta, is with the Bethlehem Steel Co., Sparrows Point, Maryland.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS

Brother A. B. Carter, Indiana Alpha, was married to Miss Ruth E. Wright of Springfield, Illinois on October 25 1917. Brother Carter is with the Central Scientific Co., Chicago, Ill.

To Clarence C. Rodenbush, '09, Ind. Alpha, Harrison, O., a daughter, Nan, September 10, 1917.

To W. A. Hanley, '11, Ind. Alpha, Indianapolis, Ind., a daughter, October

College and Fraternity Notes

Kappa Alpha Theta announces the establishment of Beta Epsilon Chapter at Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis on Saturday the tenth of November one thousand nine hundred seventeen.

Delta Upsilon has entered Carnegie Institute of Technology, taking over the local Sigma Tau.

The Local Gamma Pi at Maryland Agricultural College has been granted a charter by Sigma Nu.

To students in Engineering it may be interesting to note the following news item, clipped from The Chicago Tribune, of December 9th.:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—The bulk of the students in engineering colleges will be exempted from the draft and permitted to join the reserve corps for future service under regulations issued to-day by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

"General Crowder ruled that a proportion of the students in technical engineering schools may enlist in the engineer enlisted reserve corps, and that those so enlisting will be placed in the last draft classification upon presenting certificate of such enlistment to their local boards.

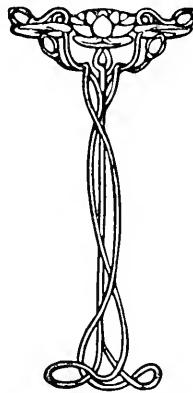
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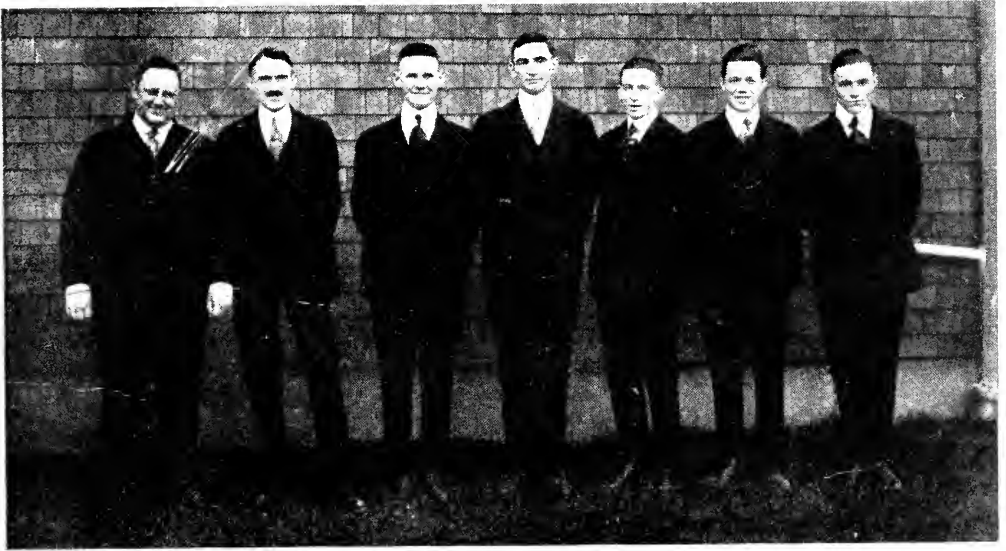
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